





## UNION COUNTY INTERFAITH COORDINATING COUNCIL Steering Committee Members

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## 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 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
- Encourage representatives from all faiths to join the Interfaith Coordinated 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.
- 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
- Become active with increased publicity
- Build religious membership
- Build support to fundraising events with paid participants
- Create full and part time employment opportunities for congregation members
- Provide educational opportunities regarding entitlements, housing, and other services, to congregation members
- Assist individuals within the congregation to obtain services; for example, people with disabilities, youth, people with physical disabilities, or senior citizens.

# message

## from the chairperson

*As people faith, we steadfastly believe that we were and are created in the imago dei –the image of God. We are not the result of a big bang, not the outcome of evolution, but we are a divinely designed creation of God, by God and for God with anointing and assignment on our lives. Each of us the same but each of so very different. Each of us different but no one of us any less important or valued or essential or relevant or more significant than the other.*

*For this cause it is incumbent upon us as sons and daughters of God our creator, to not only see God in ourselves but see God's divine design in others. No one, not one of us is a mistake. We were each strategically and thoughtfully formed and fashioned by God for the purpose of standing out and not fitting in. God has a divine plan for the world, a plan for our communities, a plan for our congregations but it cannot be fulfilled without the gifts, talents and resources of every boy and girl, male and female, man and woman.*



*We are not and can never be whole as individuals, as families, as congregations or as communities as long as we exclude from our congregations and communities the people who God included in the divine plan of humanity. Our congregations and communities should never be havens for “perfect” people but rather hospitals for those wounded by the wicked ways of the world. Our congregations and communities should never be elite clubs and social organizations but rather places where we elect to have among us those whom the world has pushed to the margins of society. Our congregations and communities should never be places of condemnation but places where we are convicted to serve “even the least” among us.*

*This month, let us ponder who we have pushed to the margins, relegated to the balconies or strong-armed out of our congregations and communities because they weren't just like us; because they didn't think like us; because they didn't look like us; because they wouldn't conform like us. Let us consider the errors of our ways and how we have banished God by excluding God's people.*

*Rev. Dr. Erika D. Crawford*

# Editorial

## *Smiles and Candles and Baskets*

Reverend Dr. LL BuBreuil

When I first met George, I was enchanted by his smile. In fact, as I watched, many others came to talk with him and to be blessed by his smile. What a gift! My immediate thought was how to use his God-given smiles to make our congregational worship even more of a joy.

So, I asked George to be a greeter. His mother reminded me that George had a vocabulary of one word: “Yep!” Whenever I spoke to George his answer was always an enthusiastic “Yep” delivered with that wonderful smile. “But a Greeter is supposed to also hand the bulletin to the worshiper, and George can’t do that,” his mother challenged me. She knew how church was supposed to be done, and George could not be a Greeter in the usual way.

“Well, Midge, perhaps you can stand next to him and hand people their bulletin.” Midge, who was deathly afraid of speaking in public and had turned down every request to read scripture or make an announcement, had found her way to serve.

If you were fortunate enough to come to our worship for those next years, you were greeted by George’s smile and “Yep” as well as Midge’s silent, but loving gifting you with worship bulletin.

If you came to worship with us even this Sunday, you would notice a few things that are not usual church ways of being and doing. Indeed, if you are a returning member after a long journey away, you would definitely see some things had changed from the way Faith United Church of Christ had “always” done things.

Instead of the venerated golden collection plates, you would see West African baskets on the altar. When a deacon could no longer manage those heavy, ornamental plates, we took the opportunity to celebrate the culture of many of the members from Nigeria by replacing them with beautiful, light weight baskets.

The altar candles themselves are not in their traditional place high above the table, but are on the table itself. Omari was nine years old when he told us he wanted to light the candles each Sunday. It was patiently explained to him that the candles were too high and he was not yet tall enough to reach them. Simple! Move the candles. That first Sunday when he turned after lighting them, his smile outshone their light with a joy that filled the room.

You then might notice that the order of worship may change from week to week around the reading of the scriptures. When Irene was the reader, there would be a bit of praise music before her reading and a prayer following it. Irene had always been a valued teacher and lay reader. When her mobility issues began to modify her participation in worship, we decided to modify the service. The music and prayer additions give her time to walk to and from the chancel for her readings.

As a visitor or returning member, you may anticipate that the offering will be taken by two formally dressed adults walking in synco-pation to the chancel to receive the plates. Instead you will see the teens look at each other and then two of them bounce up to pass the baskets and smile as they move among the congregation. It always tickles me when they are stopped by someone who missed the first pass and needs to add to the offering after most has been collected. Then, as the one who receives and blesses the offering, I have time to watch them walk or almost dance forward – time to breathe a prayer of gratitude to see they are growing and maturing and claiming their place as part of the activities that make up our worship and our way of doing church.

One happy basket passer takes more time than her frequent partner to get to and from the altar. She is less than four feet tall and he is over six feet tall. To watch them move among the congregation is to see Paul’s parable about the different parts of the body brought to life (1 Corinthians 12). Each member of our congregational body is serving according to our gifts and not our perceived disabilities.

In fact, there may even be Sundays when you will hear me ask them to take the baskets to the altar as my knee problems flare and I find it hard to negotiate those three little steps from the floor to the chancel.

What we have learned at Faith United Church of Christ is that the many ways we have always done church are far less important than the people who seek to be a part of the ways we now do church.

It is not a matter of accommodating for what people cannot do, but finding ways to include their gifts to serve according to what they can do.

It may not be the way church has always been done, but it is the way church should be done!

*Rev. Dr. LL DuBreuil is the Pastor of Faith United Church in Union NJ. [www.FaithUCCUnion.org](http://www.FaithUCCUnion.org)*



## ***Save the Date!***

**Join the Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council for  
a panel discussion on the topic of:**

### **Social Inclusion**

**June 16, 2016 6P—9P**

**First Presbyterian Church  
1731 Church Street • Rahway, NJ 07065**



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

### ***Reserve Now!***

E-mail or phone your RSVP to:  
[UCInterfaith@caunj.org](mailto:UCInterfaith@caunj.org)  
(908) 354-3040 x324

# Member Spotlight

## **Erich H. W. Kussman, Sr. Holy Cross Lutheran Church Springfield, NJ**

Erich was born and raised in Plainfield, New Jersey. He recently graduated from Pillar College with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Biblical Studies. He serves as an Elder at Holy Cross Lutheran Church located in Springfield. In the fall, he will be pursuing a Masters of Divinity degree at Princeton Theological Seminary.

Erich is an author, activist, and public speaker. He has articles published in magazines such as "First Things" and "Conspire!" He has years of experience in prison ministry. Erich actively volunteers at the Market Street Mission co-facilitating a program entitled: "True Strength Club." The program fosters spiritual, physical, and mental healing and growth to men who have been caught in the cycle of addiction.

Erich began a ministry focused on giving hope to at risk youth and fellow strugglers along the way: Ransom Writers and Speakers. He strives to assist to live life to the fullest, and helping them through the rough times find their path. He supports fellow organizations by standing in solidarity with the oppressed, disenfranchised, broken, and imprisoned. In Matthew's Gospel, we see that in meeting the needs of the hungry, sick, and imprisoned, we are ministering directly to Jesus, who considers the poor, sick, and the imprisoned to be his brothers. He wholeheartedly believes that theology must be applied in the concrete reality of our everyday existence.

Erich is humbled to be apart of the UCICC and is blessed by the richness of fellowship offered between various faith groups that come together as one. He desires to be the change he wishes to see in the world by doing God's will.

Erich is a devoted husband and loving father. He loves to read and write.



Congratulations to the  
**UNION COUNTY INTERFAITH  
COORDINATING COUNCIL**

At a ceremony on Monday, May 9th, the UCICC was presented with the Unity Award for a Faith-Based Organization, in recognition for: **“Harnessing the collective power to create a sum of all the parts that is great than the whole.”**





## **Pledge to Stand Up for the Other**

### **Background:**

Racial bigotry, religious persecution, anti-Semitism, Islamophobia or any other form of hatred cannot be wiped out unless each and every one of us confronts it within ourselves, our own circles of family, friends and others that we interact with. Silence is seen as consent. It takes courage to stand up for the other. It is important to prevent bigoted speech coming from public officials, but it is even more critical to focus on our own individual responsibility to prevent bigotry we may see around us. By taking this pledge, each one of us can make a profound difference in the world.

### **Take The Pledge!**

**While interacting with members of my own faith or ethnic community, or with others, if I hear hateful comments from anyone about members of any other community, I pledge to stand up for the other and challenge bigotry in any form.**

You may sign the pledge online on at [www.standupfortheother.org](http://www.standupfortheother.org) and email your comments to: [dralichaudry@gmail.com](mailto:dralichaudry@gmail.com).

Please Sign this Pledge and Mail to:  
Dr. M. Ali Chaudry P.O. Box 124 Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

## Pledge to Stand Up for the Other

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Optional:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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### KEEP THIS FOR FOLLOW UP – SHARE WITH YOUR FAITH OR ETHNIC GROUP

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## The Pledge to Challenge Bigotry

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**Comments:** Please share your thoughts on this initiative and any other ideas for fighting bigotry and hatred. You may email me your comments at [machaudry@gmail.com](mailto:machaudry@gmail.com). Please sign the pledge online on at [www.standupfortheother.org](http://www.standupfortheother.org). Follow us on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/standupfortheother> and upload a video of your pledge with comments.



## RAMADAN

### RAMADAN IS THE MONTH OF THE QUR'AN

God began revealing the Qur'an to the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) during Ramadan in the year 610 C.E. The Holy Qur'an is known undoubtedly as "the most read book in the world" for it is a book that is so often read, reread and memorized, and in its original language Arabic.

### FASTING IN THE MONTH OF RAMADAN

All Muslims, from the age of puberty who are physically and mentally well should observe fasting during the

month of Ramadan. Islam is a practical way of life and does not place hardship on those for whom the fast would be too difficult. The sick and those traveling may defer their fast until their illness or journey is over. Pregnant women and nursing mothers may also postpone the fast. The very old, who are too weak to fast and those who have a permanent illness that prevents them from fasting, are excused from fasting. They may feed a needy person for every day they missed, if they can afford to do so. The mentally ill are also exempt from fasting.

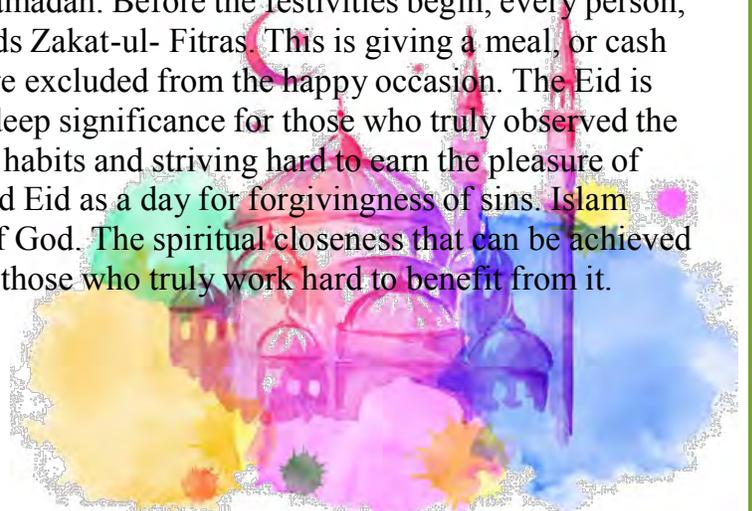
### BENEFITS OF FASTING

Fasting is an act of deep personal worship of God in which Muslims seek to raise their level of God-consciousness. The act of fasting redirects the heart away from worldly activities and towards the remembrance of God. Muslims focus during this month on strengthening their relationship with the Creator. It is a time for spiritual reflection, prayer and doing of good deeds. Fasting is intended to inculcate self-discipline, self-restraint and generosity.

The Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) said, "Indeed, anyone who fasts for one day for Allah's pleasure, Allah will keep his face away from (Hell) fire for (a distance covered by a journey of) seventy years." "The sleep of a fasting person is regarded as an act of worship, his remaining silent is regarded as glorifying God, the reward of his good deeds is multiplied, his supplications are accepted, and his sins are forgiven."

### EID-UL FITR, THE ENDING OF RAMADAN

The end of Ramadan is marked by the sighting of the new moon, which is followed by a day of celebration known as Eid-ul-fitr or the "festival of fast-breaking". Families put on their best clothes and go to the mosque for their Eid sermon and congregational prayers. They thank the Merciful God for having given them the opportunity to experience the blessed month of Ramadan. Before the festivities begin, every person, adult and child, must have already contributed to Zakat-ul-Fitras. This is giving a meal, or cash equivalent, to a needy person to make sure that none are excluded from the happy occasion. The Eid is not merely about feasting and socializing. There is a deep significance for those who truly observed the holy month with their fasting, abstaining from all bad habits and striving hard to earn the pleasure of God. For the observant, the Merciful Allah has granted Eid as a day for forgiveness of sins. Islam teaches that the objective of life is to earn the pleasure of God. The spiritual closeness that can be achieved during the month of Ramadan serves this purpose for those who truly work hard to benefit from it.





# Feed The Hungry

**Masjid Al-Wali in collaboration with Building Blocks Of New Jersey distributes Lunch Boxes to the needy in shelters of the area. These lunch boxes are prepared and delivered twice a month.**

**We need volunteers who can come at 9:00 AM on Select Saturday's to pack and deliver the lunch boxes. Please come in to help out. For additional information contact [noveen@thebbnj.org](mailto:noveen@thebbnj.org)**

**Masjid Al-Wali  
10 Olsen Ave  
Edison NJ 08820**



Email: [info@masjidalwali.org](mailto:info@masjidalwali.org)

Web: [masjidalwali.org](http://masjidalwali.org)

## REMEMBERING AND CELEBRATING ALL FATHERS THIS FATHER'S DAY.



### What Makes a Dad

God took the strength of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagle's flight,  
The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family need,  
Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew His masterpiece was complete,  
And so, He called it ... Dad

**Author Unknown**

*Happy Father's Day!*

# Faith in Action!

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YOUTH DEVELOPMENT  
FOR ALL BY LEARNING  
THE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

**TOGETHERHOOD™**  
JOIN US IN GIVING BACK

Join the  
*Togetherhood Team!*



Contact Us to Get  
Involved Today!

Union County  
Interfaith



**UCICC PARTICIPATES IN: TOGETHERHOOD EVENT**

Is your House of Faith:

- Advocating for Peace, Acceptance, Communication?
- Sharing your Faith?
- Supporting Social Initiatives?

Share it with the Interfaith Community!

**UCICC Program: "InterConnected Forms of Violence"**

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



# Faith in Action!



**UCICC SOCIAL SERVICES RESOURCE FAIR —MAY 19TH**



**ISLAMIC CENTER OF UNION COUNTY OPEN HOUSE—MAY 1ST**

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*Faithfully Fit* is a nutrition education program designed to work with faith-based organizations. Faithfully Fit aims to enhance nutrition education outreach and food access to limited-resource populations. Faith-based organizations have a long history of community service, and are a primary source of spiritual and nutritional nourishment for the community. Please join us in helping with this initiative to those in need improve their families' health!

***Faithfully Fit* goals are for members to:**

- Eat more veggies and fruit every day.
- Increase the types and amounts of physical activity.
- Eat according to a food pattern that lowers their risk for serious illnesses by:
  - Reducing the intake of sugar-sweetened beverages
  - Checking calories on nutrition labels or menu labels
  - Eating smaller portion sizes
  - Choose healthy snacks
  - Ensure access to enough nutritious foods to feed themselves and/or their families

## Faithfully Fit: A Snap-Ed Nutrition Education Faith-Based Initiative

### **Poster Club**

*Faithfully Fit* posters are distributed quarterly and focus on displaying nutrition education messages designed to work with faith-based organizations. These may include messages to help community members:

- Eat more veggies and fruits every day
- Increase the types and amounts of physical activity
- Eat according to a food pattern that lowers their risk for serious illnesses by:
  - Reducing intake of sugar-sweetened beverages
  - Checking calories on nutrition facts labels or menu labels
  - Choosing healthy snacks
  - Ensuring access to enough nutritious foods to feed themselves and/or their families

For more information on nutrition classes call Janet Brun RD, CDE at Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County - 908-654-9854 x5 or e-mail [brun@njaes.rutgers.edu](mailto:brun@njaes.rutgers.edu). For posters and general information visit [FaithfullyFit@snaped4me.org](mailto:FaithfullyFit@snaped4me.org).

Hosted by Mayor Mahr and Fanwood Council  
And Organized by *Everytown for Gun Safety* and  
*Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America.*



# **National Gun Violence Awareness Day**

**June 2, 2016 7-7:45 pm**

**STAND UP AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE**

Fanwood Borough Hall Lawn

75 N. Martine Avenue, Fanwood

Speaker: Union County Prosecutor Grace Park

To learn more, visit [www.wearorange.org](http://www.wearorange.org)

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## Transitional Opportunities Program

The Transitional Opportunities Program (TOP) provides a variety of support services to youth aged 13 - 21. Youth living in any county of New Jersey are eligible to enter the program through a referral by CSOC, DCP&P, or by a self-referral. While living in Elizabeth, youth receive a variety of independent living training and transitional living support services until they achieve the life skills needed to live independently.

At Community Access Unlimited, TOP hosts several events/workshops available to the youth in the community.

- Youth Conference – August 17, 2016  
A 1-day event full of information and fun. Includes keynote speakers, workshops, food, entertainment, and door prizes. ( complimentary for youth whose interfaith organization is a member of UCICC)
- Who Wants To Be Independent? November 19, 2016  
A workshop developed from the idea of the popular game show: *Who wants to be a Millionaire?* The workshop delivers a clever way of introducing that “Rules” still apply when one becomes independent.

Please keep your eyes open for upcoming announcements about the above events in the Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council (UCICC) newsletter.

### *The Runaway & Homeless Youth (RHY) Shelter*

The Runaway & Homeless Youth Shelter provides 24-hour assistance for youth ages 13 -17. Youth supported in the Runaway & Homeless Youth Shelter are often in need of programs that will enable youth to move forward to a safer, healthier, and more productive lifestyle within the community. RHY shelter can also be used as a respite for families.

If you know of someone in need, contact us:

908-354-5420 (shelter)  
800 -354-3096 (toll free)  
908-413-4261 (24-hour access)

### *Respite Services*

TOP also provides respite services for the Division of Children’s System of Care (DCSOC). Respite services include overnight, afterschool care, weekend recreational, etc. Please contact Tanya Johnson for more information: Tanya Johnson (908)354-3040 ext. 251.

### *Would you like to help support our Youth?*

As youth grow as young adults, they become ready to take the next step to being independent citizens in the community. As they prepare to move into their own apartments CAU will provide them with a **Hope Chest** that includes the essentials that will allow the youth to set up their own household. Such items include: pots & pans, cooking utensils, towels, bedding, microwave, etc. Another stepping stone to helping our youth achieve independence through **Vehicle Donations**. Having a vehicle extends their access to jobs and to other community resources. If you would like to make a donation to the program, please contact: Information & Referral Department at (08) 354-3040 ext. 272.



**Applications are now available  
for 2016 Summer Applicants!**

*Thousands of teenagers and young adults need mentoring and opportunities to discover and develop their talents.*

**Through the Youth Employment Program sponsored by the UCICC, grants are available for youth ages 16-21 participating in summer employment!**

Funds should be used to further the youth's learning in academic, social and personal development skills.

Applications available to active members of UCICC.  
Submission deadline: June 17, 2016

For an application or to obtain further information, contact Rod Spearman.  
Phone: (908) 354-3040 Email: [rspearman@caunj.org](mailto:rspearman@caunj.org)

4th ANNUAL

# UNION COUNTY FATHERHOOD CONFERENCE & LUNCHEON



Presented by The Union County Fatherhood Initiative Coalition



## SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2016, 9AM

New Jersey Center for Science, Technology & Mathematics at Kean University  
1000 Morris Avenue | Union, New Jersey



Breakfast ■ Jazz Luncheon with The Curtis Lundy Ensemble  
Workshops ■ Panel Discussion ■ UCFIC Fatherhood Awards  
Portraits by Grace Photography & More!

## WWW.UCNJFATHERHOOD.ORG



Keynote **VAUGHN MCKOY, JD, MBA**  
Author, Award Winning Lawyer & Mentor

Visit our website for  
Full Agenda,  
Honorees, Sponsors  
& Pre-Registration  
#UCNJFATHERHOOD



UCFIC Lifetime Achievement Honoree  
**WILLIAM D. JONES** Executive Director, HACE

UCFIC Leadership Honoree

City of Plainfield, **MAYOR ADRIAN MAPP**



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For more information and sponsorship opportunities contact Johnson PR & Events at 732.713.1167

# ANNUAL IRA GELLER WALK-a-THON



Community Access Unlimited

## SAVE THE DATE

September 17th, 2016

Oak Ridge Park  
Clark, NJ

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 OPPROTUNITIES!

Start fundraising now by joining an existing team or individually on our CrowdRise Event Page!  
Go to [www.crowdrise.com/2016IraGellerWalkathon](http://www.crowdrise.com/2016IraGellerWalkathon) to get started!

### Sponsorships Are Available!

For more information contact Alyssa Mistretta, Fundraising Coordinator 908.354.3040 x205  
or at [amistretta@caunj.org](mailto:amistretta@caunj.org)



# SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFE

at TOWNLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 829 SALEM ROAD, UNION, NJ 07083

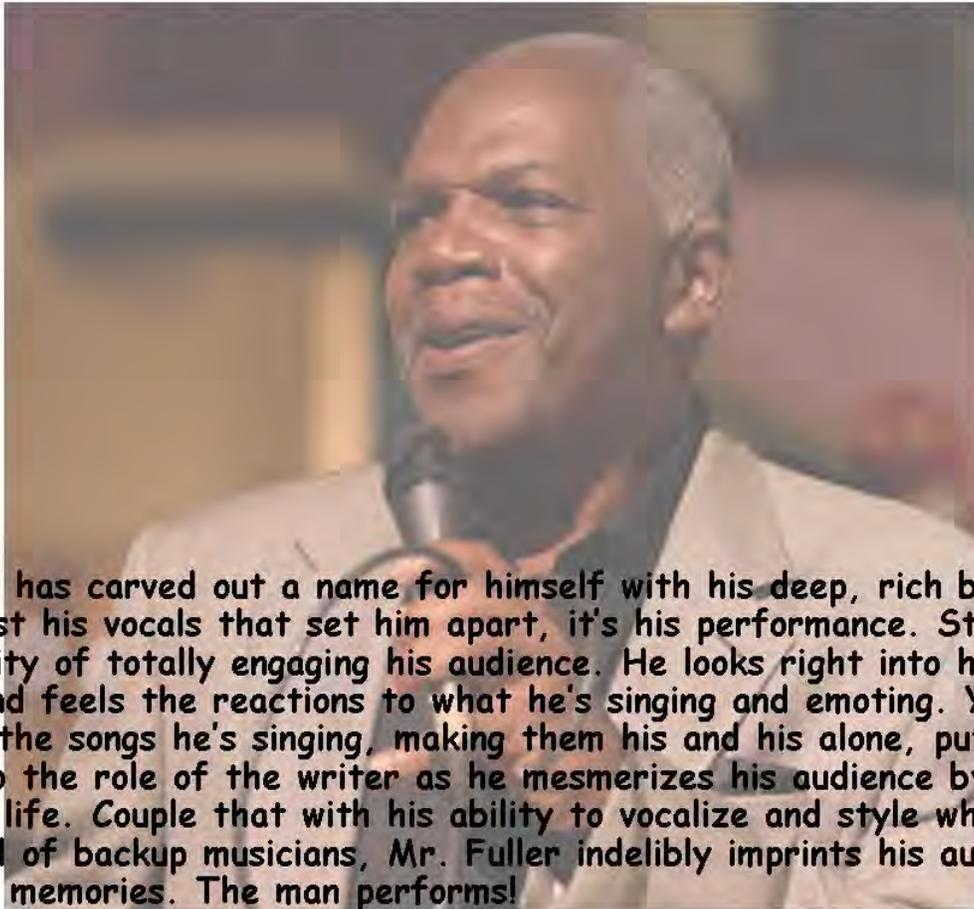
PROUDLY PRESENTS

## STEPHEN FULLER

SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 8:00 PM

DOORS OPEN AT 7:30 PM ADMISSION: \$20.00 STUDENTS \$10.00

*Admission includes hot & cold snacks, tea, coffee & desserts. Beverages for sale.*



Stephen Fuller has carved out a name for himself with his deep, rich baritone vocals. But it's not just his vocals that set him apart, it's his performance. Stephen has that rare quality of totally engaging his audience. He looks right into his fans eyes, and he sees and feels the reactions to what he's singing and emoting. Yes, emoting! Stephen owns the songs he's singing, making them his and his alone, putting himself completely into the role of the writer as he mesmerizes his audience by bringing the words fully to life. Couple that with his ability to vocalize and style while leading a top notch band of backup musicians, Mr. Fuller indelibly imprints his audience with lasting musical memories. The man performs!

Original art by music painter **STEVE ELLIS** will be on display at the **ROADHOUSE GALLERY OF FINE ARTS**

*Show proceeds benefit the CHILDRENS INSTITUTE OF MUSIC*

The show will be recorded by UNION TV34 for their "UNION AFTER DARK" nightly music series

Plenty of free parking in our two lots and on the street

**SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFÉ 829 SALEM ROAD UNION NJ 07083**

PHONE: 908-686-1028 (leave message) E-MAIL: salemroadhouse@gmail.com

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**Save the Date!**

**Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council**

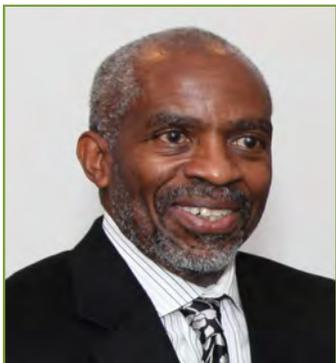
## Upcoming Events

<b>June 16th</b>	<b>6P - 9P</b>	<b>Social Inclusion Panel Discussion</b>	<b>First Presbyterian Church of Rahway 1731 Church Street Rahway, NJ</b>
<b>July 21st</b>	<b>6P - 9P</b>	<b>Universal / Common Interfaith Themes</b>	<b>First United Methodist Church 117 Ferris Place Westfield, NJ</b>
<b>August 18th</b>	<b>6P - 9P</b>	<b>Criminal Justice / Mass Incarceration/ Police-Community Issues</b>	<b>Santa Isabel Lutheran Church 908 E. Jersey Street Elizabeth, NJ</b>
<b>September 17th</b>	<b>11A - 3P</b>	<b>Ira Geller Walk-a-thon/ UCICC Participation &amp; Teambuilding Event</b>	<b>Oak Ridge Park Clark, NJ</b>
<b>October 5th</b>	<b>6:30P - 8P</b>	<b>Day of Prayer</b>	<b>Parish Community of St. Helen 1600 Rahway Avenue Westfield, NJ</b>
<b>November 17th</b>	<b>6P - 9P</b>	<b>Hospitality Dinner - Giving Thanks for Diversity</b>	<b>Holy Cross Lutheran Church 639 Mountain Avenue Springfield, NJ</b>

# UCICC Outreach Coordinating Team



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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!

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## UCICC & STEERING COMMITTEE UPCOMING EVENTS

### UCICC Steering Committee

June 2, 2016 at 10:00am  
80 W Grand St  
Elizabeth NJ 07202

### Full UCICC Meeting

**Topic: Social Inclusion**  
June 16, 2016 at 6:00 PM  
First Presbyterian Church of Rahway  
1731 Church St, Rahway NJ 07065

### UCICC Steering Committee

July 7, 2016 at 10:00am  
80 W Grand St  
Elizabeth NJ 07202

### Full UCICC Meeting

**Topic: Universal/Common Interfaith Themes**  
July 21, 2016 at 6:00 PM  
First Methodist Church  
117 Ferris Place, Westfield NJ 07090

### UCICC Steering Committee

August 4, 2016 at 10:00am  
80 W Grand St  
Elizabeth NJ 07202

### Full UCICC Meeting

**Topic: Universal/Common Interfaith Themes**  
August 18, 2016 at 6:00 PM  
Santa Isabel Lutheran Church  
908 E Jersey St, Elizabeth NJ 07202



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