



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 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.
- 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.

UNION COUNTY INTERFAITH COORDINATING COUNCIL Steering Committee Members

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Cranford

message

from the chairperson

In a few weeks, many will go to the polls to make an easy decision; some will go indecisively, with hesitation and reservation, and yet others will abstain from the electoral voting process altogether.

The beauty of our communities is that cultural diversity and religious pluralism brings with it the gift of peaceful division of thoughts, convictions and philosophies. Hence, it is this variety of thought that gives birth to the vast approaches to the “if” and “how” people of faith respond to, and engage in, the work of politics.

Many faith traditions view politics as artificial, divisionary and corrupt, encouraging believers to shun the political process. However, the vast majority look for believers to make informed decisions about candidates and elections that line up with their religious convictions, traditions, doctrine and theology.

Regardless of our individual religious convictions surrounding “the how” and “the who” of politics, it is of the utmost importance that we, as people of faith, lift our nation and its leaders in our prayers. For those able to vote, we pray that you vote your conscience. We pray that you vote with your heart and mind turned towards a loving and just God. For those whose religious convictions and traditions suggest or request that you abstain from voting, we ask that you pray for God’s good and perfect will to be done. We ask that everyone pray for the direction of our nation, wisdom of her leaders, a heart for service for those who will be elected to lead, and for the good of humanity to be made manifest.



Sovereign God,

We acknowledge your presence and incomparable incorruptible power.

We acknowledge that we are in this world but not of it.

We ask that you would unify us as your sons and daughter for the purpose of seeing perfect will done for our communities and our country.

Awaken us, so that we never put more faith in humanity than in you.

Awaken us to a commitment to justice,.

Awaken us to the dignity for human life as you created it.

Amen.

Rev. Dr. Erika D. Crawford

Editorial

How Do We Then Vote?

By: Erich H. W. Kussman Sr.

This question makes me squirm a little bit. How do people of faith participate in the political process? The question for me is not are we political, but how are we political? We need to be politically engaged, but peculiar in how we engage. Jesus and the early Christians had a marvelous political imagination. They turned all the presumptions and ideas of power and blessing upside down. To be nonpartisan doesn't mean we're nonpolitical.

The early Christians felt a deep collision with the empire in which they lived, and with politics as usual. They carelessly crossed party lines and built subversive friendships. And we should do that too. To be nonpartisan doesn't mean we're nonpolitical. We should refuse to get sucked into political camps and insist on pulling the best out of all of them. That's what Jesus did—challenge the worst of each camp and pull out the best of each. That's why we see Essenes, Zealots, Herodians, Pharisees, and Sadducees all following Jesus and even joining his movement. But they had to become new creations. They had to let go of some things. Jesus challenged the tax-collecting system of Rome and the sword of the Zealots.

So to answer the question, I engage with local politics because it affects people I love. And I engage in national politics because it affects people I love.

Governments can do lots of things, but there are a lot of things they cannot do. A government can pass good laws, but no law can change a human heart. Only God can do that. A government can provide good housing, but folks can have a house without having a home. We can keep people breathing with good health care, but they still may not really be alive. The work of community, love, reconciliation, restoration is the work we cannot leave up to politicians. This is the work we are all called to do. We can't wait on politicians to change the world. We can't wait on governments to legislate love. And we don't let policies define how we treat people; how we treat people shapes our policies.

I do not advocate for non-involvement in politics. Instead, there is a warning for people of faith not to put their trust totally in political powers. We exercise an ongoing involvement with the political process, to constantly speak truth to power in those places where power seems to be asserting itself in ways that are contrary to the will of God.

Our goal is to seek first the kingdom of God. What would it look like if Jesus were in charge of my block, of our city, of our country, our world? That's what we get to imagine when we dream dreams of the kingdom on earth. And we get some pretty good glimpses of what that looks like from the Gospels: the poor are blessed and the rich are sent away empty, the mighty are cast from their thrones, the lowly are lifted, the peacemakers and the meek are blessed, and the proud-hearted are scattered (Luke 1:51–53).

And we'll work with anyone who wants to work with us as we try to get to the kingdom—whether that looks like reducing poverty or eliminating abortions, doing something meaningful for the environment, changing bad laws, or trying to make sure the most vulnerable are cared for.

But we do have a peculiar way in which we hope. When I see posters with Trump's or Clinton's name with the word hope under it, I cringe. We are setting ourselves up for disappointment if our hope is built on anything less than God.

So when it comes to voting, I look at it not as a place to put our hope but a battle with the principalities and powers of this world. Voting is damage control. We try to decrease the amount of damage being done by those powers. And for the Christian, voting is not something we do every four years. We vote every day. We vote by how we spend money and what causes we support. We vote by how much gas we use and what products we buy. We align ourselves with things all the time. We pledge allegiance every day with our lives. The question is, Do those things line up with the upside-down kingdom of our God—where the poor, the meek, the merciful, the peacemakers are declared "blessed"?

This is not a Democratic thing, nor is it a Republican thing. It's the thing that God calls the government to do in order to bring good to all humanity. Governments are created, says Romans 13, to do good for their citizens, and we have the right to resist governments when they don't do what is good for their people. We also have the responsibility to encourage governments when they do act in ways that are good. In Matthew 25:31–46, we read that God will judge the nations in accord with how each nation cared for the poor, cared for those in prison, and how well they accepted aliens. Please note that God holds nations, not just the church, responsible for caring for the poor. That passage of Scripture should answer those who question whether or not there is a national responsibility to care for those who are needy. Given the times in which we live and the vast needs of the poor in both America and the world, the good that should be done for those who are impoverished requires that church and state work alongside each other to achieve this. My hope is that we all can work together toward that end. So when you vote, remember what your faith teaches you as you make a decision!

Election 2016



Important Election Dates

October 18, 2016

Voter Registration Deadline, *last opportunity to register to vote in the General Election.*

November 1, 2016

Deadline to apply for a Mail-In Ballot by Mail for General Election

November 4, 2016

Deadline for Application to Receive General Election Mail-In Ballots by Electronic Means for Qualified Overseas Civilian and Military Voters

November 7, 2016

Deadline for In-Person Mail-In Ballot Applications for General Election

November 8, 2016

General Election, *Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.*

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Website: www.njelections.org

New Jersey Clergy Coalition for Justice

Presents

FAITH IN ACTION

Restoring Hope for Struggling Families in New Jersey

11am - 2pm

Saturday, October 8, 2016

New Brunswick Theological Seminary

35 Seminary Place, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Suggested Donation \$10

Light refreshments will be served



Special Editorial

Why Host a Countywide Day of Prayer and Reflection?

Reverend Carmine Pernini

There are many occasions for division in our communities today. Just as there are many causes of division, there are just as many responses to division for the cause of unity. For many, divisive rhetoric, intentions, and laws must be met with action in the form of public demonstrations, lobbying/advocacy, and get out the vote campaigns. The Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council has lead and participated in all such activities. Still, in contemporary American society, these actions change laws and elected officials, but they hold little sway over hearts. Generally speaking, it is a common perception that the rights that are exercised by one group are taken from another - think gun restriction laws, police accountability legislation, and laws related to refugees and immigrants. This type of zero-sum-gain thinking, where rights from one group are perceived to be taken from another, leaves the answer to our present challenge of a divided society with equally divided hearts beyond the boundaries of the current field of play of advocacy and public demonstrations.

The fault line of such divisions is no less apparent among our religious communities. Such that it is, despite divisions among religious traditions, there are commonalities. Prayer is one such commonality. The old saying goes, "To know the heart of a person, listen to the prayers on their lips." Granted, sometimes it is said that actions speak louder than words, but such a statement presumes that we all do what we want to do all of the time. If that were the case, one of the other categories of commonality between some religious traditions, that is Sin, would always be intentional. However, even if you are optimistic about the power of the human will, it must be conceded that our intentions do not always correlate to our actions and vice versa. The category of Sin exists because there is dissonance between our actions and intentions, and more importantly, God's intentions and our hearts. But, on the other hand, our prayers often reflect the world not as it is, but what it could be, perhaps even what God wants it to be. Do you ever wonder what might happen if people from all religious traditions prayed for peace? What might happen if people from all religious traditions prayed for the ability to forgive one another? What, I wonder, might happen if people from all religious traditions prayed for a more just society?

Would you be surprised if I told you they already do? Either weekly or daily, Jews, Christians, Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus, and Sikhs pray for these things all the time. But, unless you were to overhear one of these prayers how would you know?

You might say that such prayers are ineffective because of all the violence and division in our society. Fair enough. But, ponder the wisdom of 19th century Danish philosopher, Soren Kierkegaard, who said, "The function of prayer is not to influence God, but rather to change the heart of the one who prays." You have to wonder, what if *you* heard someone from another religious tradition pray for peace for *you*? What if *you* heard someone from another religious tradition pray for mercy for *you*? What if *you* heard someone from another religious tradition pray for justice for *you*? Granted, such a prayer will not necessarily change a law or affect a national or local election, but might such a prayer change *your* heart? What might it be like to hear the heartfelt prayerful intentions of faithful Jews, Christians, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, and Sikhs? Sometimes our intentions are best expressed in our prayers, songs, and reflections on Sacred Scriptures. What might our community be like if we were to listen to each other's prayers for peace, mercy, and justice? Might our hearts be changed? Would we simply have greater empathy for one another after having listened to each other's prayers for a more peaceful, merciful, and just society, a society which, despite our action or inaction, always seems to be just beyond our grasp but perhaps not beyond the prayerful aspirations of our heart? And, maybe with changed hearts and greater empathy, might our community be more peaceful, merciful, and just? That, my friend, is the Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council's intention, or prayer if you will, for the Union County Day of Prayer.

The Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council cordially invites you to come and listen to the prayers, songs, and meditations of Jews, Christians, Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus, and Sikhs at the Union County Day of Prayer, a "Day of Prayer and Reflection: Honoring People of All Faith Communities" on October 5, 2016 from 6:30pm-8pm at the Parish Community of St. Helen, 1600 Rahway Ave., Westfield, NJ. (See page 8)



Member Spotlight

Reverend Ramon A. Collazo Santa Isabel Lutheran Church Elizabeth, NJ

I was born in Brooklyn, New York and raised in Ponce, Puerto Rico. In 2010, I came to Elizabeth to be the pastor and mission developer at Santa Isabel ELCA. My wife, Marisol, and youngest son, Ray, love the community and we have become art of this community, as if we have been here our entire lives. My son studied and graduated from Jefferson High School.

I have an associate degree in Electronic Engineering, a Bachelor Degree in Criminal Justice , with a concentration in Forensic Psychology, and a Masters Degree in Divinity from The Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. Currently, I am working toward a Doctorate of Ministry Degree at The Theological Seminary in Philadelphia.

I belong to several organizations, such as the New Jersey Coalition for Justice, where I serve as the treasurer. Our work in the Coalition supports social justice, especially with Black Lives Matter. We advocate for Body Cameras for Police Officers, Independent Prosecutors, Bias Training for Law Enforcement, and with law enforcement agencies to establish minority recruitment and selections programs.



I also am a member of Faith in New Jersey, working with immigration and race issues. In the New Jersey Synod, I am a member of the Synod Council, and in the ELCA, I belong to the Mission Cohort a group of pastors and lay leaders that work in mission development and community organizing.



Our ministry in Santa Isabel focuses on the work with immigration. At the Elizabeth Detention Center , I am a volunteer Chaplain, serving the males and females with worship, Bible Study, prayer, and spiritual healing. At the church we help our immigrant community seek the agency or organization that can provide resources they need (education, legal advice, etc). We are a church that welcomes all. We do not have visitors, we have family members that come for the first time to our family feast and we get to know them. The same thing happens in our family gatherings that we meet our cousins or aunts that we have never seen before and during this feast we get to know them. UCICC is the place where all the families of God come together as one but with the richness of diversity to celebrate the sacredness of human life.

Register Now! Sign up for Day of Prayer by going to www.caunj.org and clicking 'Upcoming Events' or phoning 908-354-3040 x4324.

Day of Prayer and Reflection: Honoring People of All Faith Communities

Union County Day of Prayer October 5, 2016 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM



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



*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



Union County Day of Prayer



Scheduled Participants:

Students of the Muslim Community Center of Union Cty.
Nawaz Sheikh, Group Leader
Muslim Community Center of Union County, Elizabeth

Fred Golz, Musical Director
The Parish Community of St. Helen, Westfield

Father Michael Saporito
The Parish Community of St. Helen, Westfield

Sidney Blanchard, Executive Director
Community Access Unlimited, Elizabeth

Reverend Dr. Erika Crawford, Chair, UCICC
Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church, Rahway

Rabbi Joel Abraham
Temple Sholom, Scotch Plains

Pastor Howard Bryant
Townley Presbyterian Church, Union

Reverend Cynthia Cochran-Carney
Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, Scotch Plains

Kayla Richardson
Student, Institute of Music for Children

Reverend Dr. LL DuBreuil
Faith United Church of Christ, Union

Venerable Klint Kevalin
Dhammakaya Meditations Center, Fanwood

Fanwood/Scotch Plains Community Choir
Cantor Matthew Axelrod, Music Director

Father Sal Ros
Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Rahway

Reverend Ramon Collazzo
Santa Isabel Lutheran Church, Elizabeth

The Choir of St. Helen, Westfield
Fred Golz, Musical Director

Imam Nizam Ahmad Raouf Zaman
Muslim Center of Middlesex County, Piscataway

Reverend David Mertz
First United Methodist Church, Westfield

Dr. Mohammad Ali Chaudry
Islamic Society of Basking Ridge

Reverend Caroline Unzaga
First Presbyterian Church, Cranford

Imam Said El Kasabi
Islamic Center of Union County, Union

Reverend Ann Marie Alderman
First Unitarian Society of Plainfield

Reverend Dr. Carol A. Lindsay
Calvary Lutheran Church, Cranford

Rev. Msgr. Timothy A. Shugrue
St. Michael Church, Cranford

FAITH IN ACTION!



UCICC DEMONSTRATES “FAITH IN ACTION” BY SUPPORTING CAU’S IRA GELLER WALKATHON, AN EVENT WHICH SERVES THE COMMUNITY AND RAISES FUNDS THAT SUPPORT PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.



UCICC's own ERICH KUSSMAN AND TIM WILLIAMS DISCUSS "YOUTH & RELIGION" WITH HOST, FATHER FRIZZEL, ON RADIO STATION WSOU.

Is your House of Faith:

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

Share it with the Interfaith Community!



Email your photos and a summary caption to UCInterfaith@caunj.org by the 11th of each month.



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.

Optional: Name: _____ Email: _____

You may sign the pledge online on at www.standupfortheother.org or mail to. Dr. M. Ali Chaudry P.O. Box 124
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

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. Follow us on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/standupfortheother> and upload a video of your pledge with comments.

YOUTH FOR CHRIST

Townley Presbyterian Church, in collaboration with the Ghanaian Christian Association, invite you to join us for a BBQ/concert event for church youth. People of all ages are welcome. The praise band, Creation, will be performing their own original Christian music. Come out & enjoy a time of social gathering, hear inspirational music and meet new people !

FREE REFRESHMENTS!
Hotdogs, hamburgers, beverages



FREE ENTERTAINMENT!

October 1, 2016 ~ 2PM
Townley Presbyterian Church
829 Salem Road, Union NJ 07083

CONTACT: Reverend Adomako 862-438-2697
Sister Linda 908-868-5944
Minister Paintsil 908-967-2277
Clr. Paul 908-247-4755
Ev. Carruthers 732-662-0477



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

Masjid Al-Wali
10 Olsen Ave
Edison NJ 08820



Email: info@masjidalwali.org

Web: masjidalwali.org

OCTOBER 8, 2016

First Baptist Church of Cranford/Elizabeth and
Teens and Tweens Promoting Peace

Present a Countywide Anti-Violence Conference

DISRUPTING CYCLES OF VIOLENCE



**Empowering our Children,
Strengthening our Families,
and Transforming our Communities**

A Conference that Motivates Change in the Present

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Krishna Garlic
Director, Department of Health, Elizabeth, NJ
"Confronting Violence as a Public Health Epidemic"

GUEST SPEAKER: Hashim Garrett
Gun Violence Survivor, Anti-Violence Educator, Nationally Acclaimed Motivational Speaker

When: October 8, 2016

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Where: The Peterstown Community Center

418-34 Palmer St, Elizabeth, NJ

Parking: Available on Center Site

Conference is Free

Breakfast and Lunch will be served

RSVP for lunch via phone or email:

908-352-0519 or firstbaptistchurchce@verizon.net

First Baptist Church of Cranford/Elizabeth

402 Union Ave. Elizabeth, NJ 07208

Phone: 908-352-0519 and Email: firstbaptistchurchce@verizon.net

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Diana L. Brown



SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFE

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

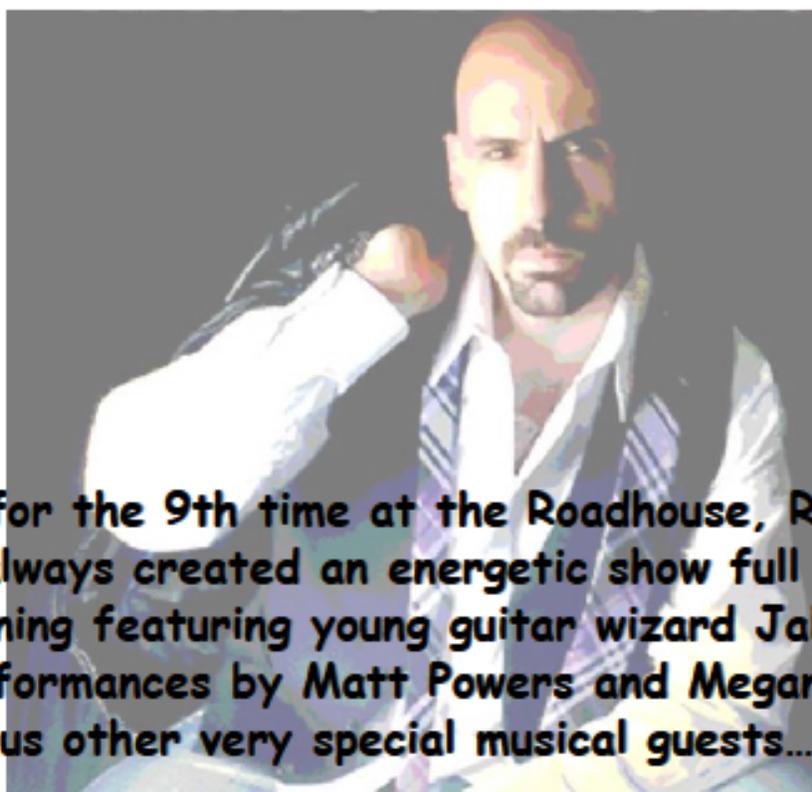
PROUDLY PRESENTS

RAY POWERS & FRIENDS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 7:30 PM

DOORS OPEN AT 7:00 PM ADMISSION: \$20.00

Admission includes snacks, beverages, tea, coffee & desserts



Returning for the 9th time at the Roadhouse, Ray and the band have always created an energetic show full of surprises

Show opening featuring young guitar wizard Jake Thistle
Special performances by Matt Powers and Megan Pennington
plus other very special musical guests.....

Original artwork by Roadhouse Director **BRUCE TANGOWSKI**
will be on display at the **ROADHOUSE GALLERY OF FINE ARTS**

Show proceeds benefit the Institute of Music for Children

Shows are featured on UNION TV34's "UNION AFTER DARK" nightly music series

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

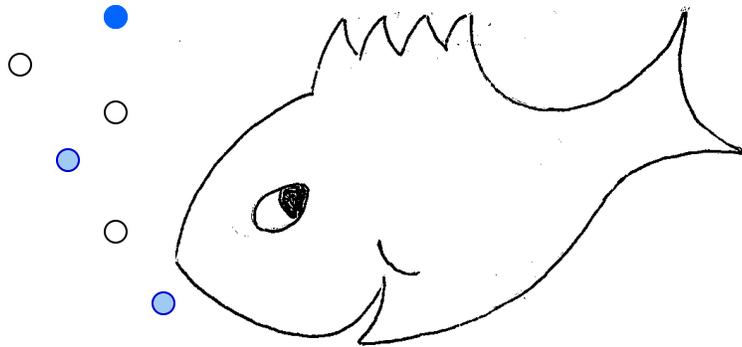
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PHONE: 908-686-1028 (leave message) E-MAIL: salemroadhouse@gmail.com

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All Are Invited.....

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CRANFORD
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11 SPRINGFIELD AVE.
CRANFORD, NJ



FISH AND CHIPS, A FAVORITE FAMILY FUN FOOD, will be available, with a CHICKEN AND CHIPS option, here at FPC on **Friday October 14th** continuously from 5 to 7:30 p.m. The menu will include fish or chicken, french fries and coleslaw.

Make your Friday special!

Take home dinner to enjoy or dine in our luxurious Bates Hall.

Adult Meal \$16 Child's Meal \$8

All you have to do is register and pay for meals on Sunday before church in the Narthex or after church at Coffee Hour.

~ or ~

Guests may register and pay any day of the week with Carol Thee in the Main Office. The church office phone number is (908) 276-8440.

This is a fund raiser to help support our Mission Programs.
We truly need your support and the support of your family and friends.

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29TH 1PM-4PM

TIME FOR SCHOOL!

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408 Palmer Street
Elizabeth, NJ
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AWood@CAUNJ.org**

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Member Action Committee

Book Drive

10/1/16—10/30/16

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- Do you have books that you are no longer using???
- We are collecting gently used and new books for the 13 year old and up population.
- Books will be donated to local organizations.

For More Information - Contact:

Julia Leftwich - 908-482-7255
Howard Wingard –

jleftwich@caunj.org
hwingard@caunj.org

~ or ~

You may bring your donations to: 908 Westminster Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ



Registration is now OPEN!

4th Annual Union County Youth Services Networking Conference!

with guest speaker, **Glen Casey**
October 26, 2016 : 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

at the CAU Main Office, 80 West Grand St. Elizabeth, NJ 07202



Round Table Topics Include:

After-School Recreation/Youth Programs * Behavioral Health & Wellness * Domestic Violence * Education and Schooling * Employment/Training * Gangs/Juvenile Justice * Housing Issues * Life Skills/Education * Human Trafficking * Mentoring * LGBTQI * DDD/DCF

Youth Transitioning to Adulthood * Substance Abuse * Trauma Informed

Click the link below to register as an attendee or an exhibitor (or both!) at the event.

To register online, go to CAUNJ.org and click on the link under “NEWS”.

Sponsored by Community Access Unlimited & The County of Union, New Jersey



If you are interested in being a part of the conference as a sponsor or vendor, please contact Tanya Johnson at tjohnson@caunj.org, or 908-354-3040 x 4251



THE JOHN SUYDAM KUHLTHAU BIOETHICS CONFERENCE

Save **NOVEMBER 2016** 8 am
The **1** to
Date **TUESDAY** 12 pm

**Cultural and Religious Perspectives on End-of-Life
Care: Diverse Answers to Universal Questions**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

RICHARD PAYNE, MD

Duke Divinity School

CONVERSATION FACILITATOR:

JOANNE REIFSNYDER, PHD, RN, FAAN

Multi-faith Panel:

Buddhist, Coptic Orthodox, Hindu,
Humanist, Jewish, Muslim, Protestant,
Roman Catholic



Conference is free of charge • Limited space available • Contact hours applied for
Registration is required: deansoffice@NBTS.edu or 732.247.5241 x126

**Saint Peter's University Hospital,
Sister Marie de Pazzi Conference Center
254 Easton Ave., New Brunswick, NJ**

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University Hospital**

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HEALTH**

 **SAINT PETER'S
UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL**
A MEMBER OF SAINT PETER'S HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23RD ~ 2PM ~ AT ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH,
216 ELM AVENUE, RAHWAY, NJ 07065



Our Animals have been a blessing
to us.

Now let us seek God's blessing
for them!

"The righteous know the needs of their animals"
Proverbs 12:10

2016 Men's Ministry Breakfast

FundaMENTals: Empowering and strengthening men for God's Kingdom and their communities.

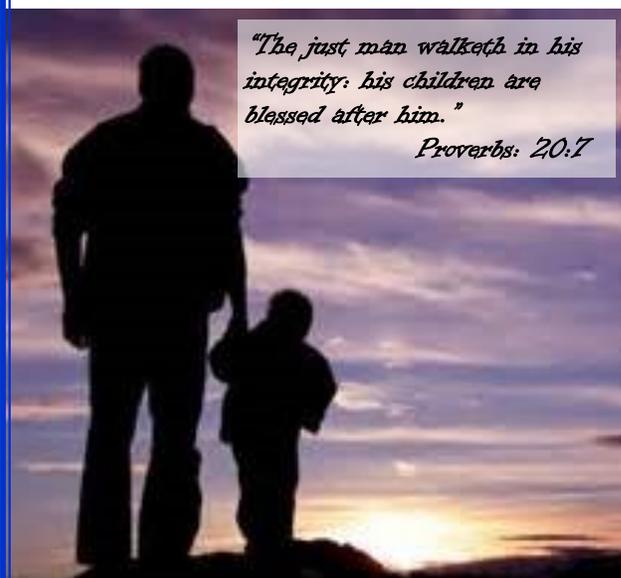
Presented By: Spearman Consultant Service and Deacon Tim Williams

Saturday November 19th, 2016 • 7:30 am to 12N

First Baptist Church of Kenilworth • 225 8th Street • Kenilworth, NJ

Donation: \$10 per person

Continental breakfast included



*"The just man walketh in his
integrity: his children are
blessed after him."
Proverbs: 20:7*

Workshop Presenters:

Dr. Norman Miles

Senior Pastor Trinity Temple SDA Church, Newark

Pastor Nathanael Bullock

Senior Pastor First Baptist Church of Kenilworth, Kenilworth

Dr. Pastor George E Thornton

Dean of Students Affairs, Harcum College, PA

For additional information or to reserve a seat, contact:

Rod Spearman: rodspearman05@yahoo.com, 908-377-0143 or

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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 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

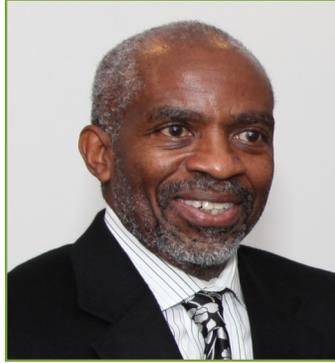
Don't forget your resume and
come prepared to fill out an application

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.

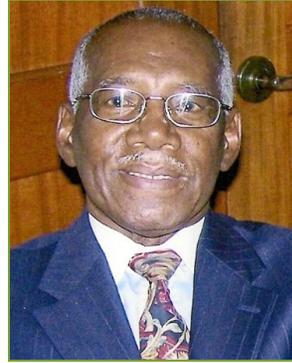
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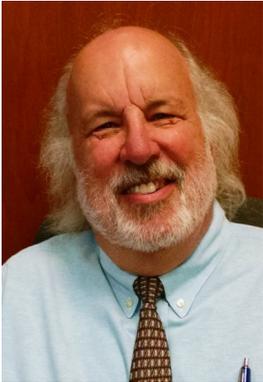
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Join & Be Active Today!

- 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 **15th** of every month to save a space!



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Community Access Unlimited's 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

October 6, 2016 at 10:00am
80 W Grand St
Elizabeth NJ 07202

UCICC Steering Committee

November 3, 2016 at 10:00am
80 W Grand St
Elizabeth NJ 07202

UCICC Steering Committee

December 1, 2016 at 10:00am
80 W Grand St
Elizabeth NJ 07202

Full UCICC Meeting

Event: Day of Prayer & Reflection
October 5, 2016 at 6:30 PM
Parish Community of St. Helen
1600 Rahway Avenue, Westfield, NJ 07090

Full UCICC Invitation

Event: Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship Service
To be held in Springfield, NJ 07081
[More Information Coming Next Month!](#)

Full UCICC Invitation

Join us as we support the Elizabeth Coalition for the Homeless in a Prayer Vigil, "Homeless for the Holidays"
SAVE THE DATE: December 21, 2106



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