

Worship and Music Leaders

Rev. Mollie Landers serves as the Associate Director of Outdoor Ministries for the Maine and New Hampshire Conferences of the United Church of Christ. Currently residing in Concord NH, she spends 3 months of the year atop Pine Mountain as the on site director of Horton Center, the Outdoor Ministry site of the New Hampshire Conference. A graduate of Catawba College, Wesley Theological Seminary, and Andover Newton Theological School, Mollie has been working in the field of Christian Education and formation for ten years, whether working at church camps or leading youth mission trips, or serving as a youth pastor. For Mollie, outdoor experiences and empowering leadership are two essential parts of faith formation.

Rev. Matt Carriker- As an ordained Christian minister in the United Church of Christ (UCC), Matt is also an author, spiritual coach, and retreat leader. Currently, Matt holds several part-time ministries- as the Protestant Chaplain at Brandeis, and also as the Program Director for Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries (CMM), an interfaith social action organization that also runs the Interfaith Youth Initiative program. Matt co-facilitates confirmation and youth retreats, as well as intergenerational and adult spiritual formation retreats through the Massachusetts Conference UCC.

Wednesday Morning Workshops

W-1 Profiles of Faith “Being and Doing” Mary and Martha, Elsa Marshall

Description: This story is not a simple contrast of the domestic diva and the student mystic. This is a comparison of doing and being. And doing the work of ministry is important. When we are able to discover what God calls us to do and have the opportunity to actually do it, it’s important. In this context, our work becomes an extension of ourselves. Not so easy to figure out which part of us is Martha, and which part of us is Mary. What if there was a way to combine our Marys and Marthas? What if we are called to be in both of the being and doing worlds: a little Martha and a little Mary?

W-2 Contemplative Prayer, Kelly Luetkemeyer

Description: A contemplative prayer practice allows one to calm the mind and body and rest in the quiet presence of God. This workshop is experiential. You will have a opportunity to close your eyes and draw your attention to your breath, listen to your mind and body, and allow the peace of God to be with you and to share your experience with others.

W-3 Making the Confirmation Process Meaningful, Rev. Matt Carriker

Description: In this workshop, we will talk about best practices for how to engage youth in thinking critically about their faith in our modern world. What are our primary aims in confirmation, and what resources, best approaches, and practices are out there to help us achieve these aims? What role can retreats play in making the confirmation process both meaningful and transformative?

W-4 Making the Digital Connection Between Church and Home,

Debbie Gline Allen, CMCF

Description: Many parents who want to raise their children within the church environment are finding it difficult to come to church to take advantage of all that it offers. How can the church connect with its families and youth when and where they have the time? We will examine a variety of web technologies with this question in mind and share ideas and resources for connecting with families and youth 24/7/365.

This is an Intermediate Workshop and assumes participants are familiar with the topic and want to focus on skills refinement or to actively participate in discussions and sharing.

W-5 Growing Roots of Faith: Branching Out With Acts Of Service, Deborah D. Kirk

Description: Service is a cornerstone of spiritual formation and youth hunger for the opportunity to put faith into action. Help your tweens, teens, and adults to branch out in meaningful mission that extends beyond charity. Draw on biblical roots to nourish hearts for justice. Learn about the CTUCC model of Giv2 which helps congregations collaborate for local service. Together we are growing a Faith-Forming, Multi-Cultural, Multi-Racial, Open and Affirming, Accessible to All, Just Peace, Globally-Minded movement.

W-6 Good Enough Self-Care: Nurture for Those Called to Nurture, Karen Ziel

As busy practitioners, our ministry calls for many things; study, hard work, care of relationships, visioning, team building and much more! With important responsibilities and relationships to nurture, how do we attend to the care and nurture we require? Did you know that self-care is called for in the Church Educator’s Code of the United Church of Christ? Explore the role of self-care in whole (Holy) living, in effective work and ministry and most importantly, strategies and practices for maintaining the “goodness” of YOU!

Wednesday Afternoon Workshops

WA-1 A New Day Yoga, Restoring and Nurturing the Soul, Karen Kilty LMT

Description: Through gentle and meditative postures, we will move our bodies, settle our busy minds and together create a sacred space to nurture our souls.

WA-2 “What’s Happening” at the UCC National Level with Christian Education and Faith Formation Q&A Session, Rev. Dr. Katherine “Kate” Gould Epperly

Description: This will be an open discussion and Question & Answer session regarding the direction the national UCC’s ministry of Christian education and faith formation are taking and any details about implementation plans to date and over the next several months.

WA-3 Biblical Storytelling for Just About Everyone, Rev. Bert Marshall

Description: Telling our sacred stories through examples, group participation, and music. Resources for unleashing your inner storyteller.

WA-4 Meditation with Zentangle, Deborah D. Kirk

Description: Use art as a way to meditate and create! Try your hand at this simple and relaxing art form. This technique of drawing repeated patterns results in beautiful and unique designs. Zentangle is not only great for personal relaxation, but can also be used with children and youth as a visual prayer exercise. This fun flextime activity is perfect for those who like to ‘doodle.’ No experience necessary!

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Questions: Email Nancy Fowler at fowler5vt@myfairpoint.net or contact your state representative.

Typical schedule:

Tuesday: 1:00 Registration, 2:30 New to NEAUCE Orientation, 3:15 Opening Worship, Dinner, State Mtgs

Each day will include meals, workshops, keynote, worship and hospitality and some free time. For detailed schedule check out online registration

Thursday Morning Workshops

TH-1 Exploring "Peace Village": an Inspiring Model of Interfaith, Intergenerational Faith Formation Ministry, Rev. Dr. Katherine "Kate" Gould Epperly

Description: This workshop will be facilitator led using a power-point with an introductory lecture and then have participants break out into small groups for discussion, and returning to a plenary session for sharing observations and questions.

TH-2 Community-Based Development: Collaboration, Partnership, and the End of Mission Rev. Bert Marshall

Description: A facilitator-led talk using power-point, video, and stories to present the work of Church World Service in the context of anti-colonialism, justice, and peace-building. Informal setting in which participants will be encouraged to ask questions and make comments. Group discussion encouraged at times during the workshop.

TH-3 Leave No Parishioner Behind, Rev. Ruth Shilling Hainsworth

Description: In this workshop we will explore together what intergenerational ministry is and the role it already has in your church. We know that every church is composed of people with different ages, backgrounds and interests not to mention their willingness to become more involved in the church. Intergenerational ministry is about creating opportunities for people to deepen their faith and relationship with God by creating connecting points with the church community in various ways.

TH-4 Embracing Technology to Connect to Your Congregation, Cindy Cole

Description: You can use technology to connect to your Congregation. It is easier than you think! This workshop is an overview on the various ways you can use technology to connect with your congregation to help them engage in faith formation activities, inform them about events at church, and to help them incorporate their faith into their daily lives.

- 1) Learn about how to create and use a weebly website to assist families in engaging in faith activates at home, work, or in the car. See an example in the firstchurchsimsbury.com
- 2) Learn about using and making videos to engage your congregation.
- 3) Learn about Apps available to assist families in engaging in faith activates at home.
- 4) Learn about using social media to connect to your congregation and see an example.

This is a Beginner to Intermediate Workshop for anyone interested in using Technology to assist their congregation faith formation.

TH-5 Let us Pray (Praying with Children and Youth), Rev. Carolyn Keilig

Description: If you are wondering if there is more to prayer than bowing heads, closing eyes and folding hands, come and learn a number of ways to help others connect to God through prayer. Words, math, touch, nature, music, sight, movement – are just some of the ways children of all ages can make prayer a daily spiritual practice.

TH-6 Title: Exploration of Curriculum and Teaching Resources, Bradley Keefer

Description: In this exploration we will work through some of the newest Curriculum and Teaching Resources. We will focus on the complexities of the Grow, Proclaim, Serve Sunday School materials, which offers endless possibilities for nurturing young minds. In addition, other curriculum for children, youth, and adults will be presented.

Presenters

Elsa Marshall is a Commissioned Minister, National Educational Consultant, Resource Center Director, Association for Christian Education (MACUCC), and Partner in Education.

Kelly Luetkemeyer led a contemplative prayer small-group for adults for many years in Upton at the United Parish and this will be his third time at leading a contemplative workshop at NEAUCE.

Debbie Gline-Allen serves as the Commissioned Minister of Christian Formation at the UCC in North Hampton, NH, as well as the national Chairperson AUCE. Having served previously as AUCE's Web Designer and E-News Editor, she will begin serving as AUCE's Transitional Digital Missioner this summer.

Debby Kirk is a member of the Youth and Young Adult Ministry Team at the Connecticut Conference. She directs Giv2 (Give Squared) a program that helps congregations collaborate to offer local service projects for youth. Debby is a member of First Congregational Church, UCC of Woodstock, CT.

Rev. Bert Marshall is the New England Director for Church World Service. He is a Nebraska native, a former rock 'n roll musician, a graduate of Yale Divinity School, and ordained in the UCC. He performs the whole Gospel of Mark from memory, as a storytelling event - as well as a repertoire of Biblical texts for worship and elsewhere.

Karen Kilty LMT, Trained Yoga Instructor. Combining the art and science of holistic massage and yoga, I offer students of all levels a safe place to connect with the "Sweet Rhythm" of the breathe and body, assisting in an overall sense of well-being.

Rev. Dr. Katherine "Kate" Gould Epperly joined our newly created three member cross-denominational (UCC and CC(DOC)Family and Children's Ministries collaboration in June, 2013. Kate brings to us a well-schooled and long-practiced dedication to the holistic faith formation, health and wellbeing of families and children. Ordained in the CC(DOC) in 1979 with standing in the UCC since 1993, Kate is an experienced congregational pastor; teacher; pastoral counselor; social justice and peace advocate; author; and holistic spiritual director/consultant.

Rev. Ruth Shilling Hainsworth is a former NEAUCE Chair and national AUCE Chair, she has served in churches of varying sizes in various roles and intergenerational ministries have always been integral to her work. She knows they are a vital aspect of keeping churches energized and faith alive for people of all ages and interests.

Cindy Cole is the Director of Children's Ministry at First Church of Christ, Simsbury. She is responsible for faith formation programs from birth to seventh grade. Cindy has attended the Vibrant Faith: The Vision and Practice of 21st Century Faith Formation Seminar, learning how to create a Faith Formation website, and the e-formation 2013 Conference, learning to use social media to connect with the congregation.

Rev. Carolyn Keilig is the Interim Pastor at the First Congregational Church in Manchester. She has been active for many decades in the UCC, including serving as chair of both the Maine and NH Conference Outdoor Ministry Committees (not at the same time!), leading numerous workshops covering a variety of faith formation topics, and currently convenes the NH Conference Interim Ministry Group.

Karen E. Ziel is the Minister of Faith Formation for the CT Conference United Church of Christ with over 24 years of experience in local church ministry; leads workshops and consultations throughout the region and enjoys playing in an Irish band!

Bradley R. Keefer is the Community Resource Consultant for Cokesbury, serving the areas around Boston and Providence.



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*"Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.
They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream.
It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit."*

Jeremiah 17:7-8

Keynote Speaker: Chap Clark

Chapman "Chap" Clark, PhD, is the Associate Provost for Strategic Projects and Professor of Youth, Family and Culture at Fuller Seminary. He is the author of numerous articles and books, including *Disconnected: Parenting Teens in a MySpace World* (with Dee Clark, Baker, 2007), *Hurt: Inside the World of Today's Teenagers* (Baker Academic, 2004; and *Hurt 2.0* in 2011), and co-author with Kara Powell of *Sticky Faith* (Zondervan, 2011), *Deep Justice in a Broken World* (Zondervan/Youth Specialties, 2008) and *Deep Ministry in a Shallow World* (Zondervan/Youth Specialties, 2006).

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