



# The Changing Tides

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*Bethel Estates  
moves ahead*



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## Mission Statement

Back Bay Mission, a community ministry of the United Church of Christ, serves the Mississippi Gulf Coast and the wider church community by faithful witness for social justice and compassionate service to the poor and marginalized.

## Vision Statement

Back Bay Mission shall embody with integrity and truth the prophetic mandate of Micah  
“ . . .to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.”



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## A 'LOVE LETTER' OF THANKS



To my own amazement, August this year marks the fifth anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. That horrendous day of August 29, 2005, was one that irrevocably changed everything for Back Bay Mission and for our beloved Gulf Coast community. So very much was lost -- the landscape of our region -- and our lives altered forever. The suffering and grief wrought by Katrina has been profound over these five years. The recovery process has been long and often disheartening, exasperating, and exhausting. And yet, even while all of that is true, if you were to ask me what memory or impression has been most striking to me during this challenging time, it would have to be this: Back Bay Mission is truly blessed.

Hurricane Katrina dealt Back Bay Mission what might have been a fatal blow. Our campus was knocked down, our staff members were sent reeling with emotional trauma and the community we had served for 83 years was devastated beyond belief. All of this could easily have marked a sad surrender for Back Bay Mission.

But then there was you.

You simply refused to let us die. You prayed for us. You gave financial gifts to us. You volunteered with us and stood with us and served with us. You stuck by us and embodied the best of human nature and the best of Christ's Church. And because of that -- cradled by the generous grace of God -- we have accomplished amazing things together during these last five years...

Within two months of Katrina, although all buildings on campus were unusable, services were again being offered on the BBM campus.

- Nearly \$1 million in direct assistance has been provided to nearly 22,000 clients requesting emergency aid.
- 169 homes have been recovered through major reconstruction or new construction services.
- 7,452 volunteers have worked through BBM to provide more than \$5 million worth of free labor to housing recovery efforts.

- We broke ground on Bethel Estates, our first affordable housing development, and opened a multi-service day center for the homeless that is the first of its kind on the Mississippi Coast.
- Substantial advocacy and organizing efforts have birthed significant new discussions and action around the issue of affordable housing.
- Our services and housing for a burgeoning homeless population have been expanded.
- A \$3 million campus restoration project has been completed and is paid for.

Blessed, indeed! On the fifth anniversary of Katrina, I want to offer thanks to our employees for their courage and stubbornness and passion for this ministry. Without them, none of the amazing work that's been accomplished would have been possible. And my heartfelt thanks to all who have contributed to this amazing enterprise of rebirth and recovery in so many ways. Together we journey on to continue the ministry God has given us, in times still ripe with need and thirsty for hope.

With love and thanksgiving,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shari Prestemon".

Rev. Shari Prestemon



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## Volunteer Recovery Groups That Came To Help: *September 1, 2009 – March 31, 2010*

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Peace UCC, Rochester, Minnesota  
Lakewood UCC, Lakewood, Colorado  
First Congregational UCC, Mt. Vernon, Ohio  
Central Pacific Conference, Oregon  
St. Paul's UCC, Nashville, Illinois  
Trinity UCC, Canton, Ohio  
First Church, Columbus, Ohio  
Edwards Congregational UCC, Davenport, Iowa  
St. Matthew's, Wheaton, Illinois  
St. Charles UCC, St. Charles, Illinois  
Western Florida  
Bill and Ann Cochran  
Orange Congregational Church, Orange, Connecticut  
Riviera UCC, Palm Bay, Florida  
St. John's Christian Church, Archbold, Ohio  
First Congregational, Lake Mills, Wisconsin  
First Congregational UCC, Appleton, Wisconsin  
Genesis United Methodist Church  
St. John's UCC, Kankakee, Illinois  
St. Paul's UCC, St. Mary's, Ohio  
Southeast Conference UCC  
Open Prairie UCC, Princeton, Illinois  
Union Church, Berea, Kentucky  
First Church, Fairfield, Connecticut  
Newton Congregational Church, Newton, Connecticut  
First Church, Glastonbury, Connecticut  
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First Congregational, Ithaca, New York  
Northwest Wisconsin Association, Eau Claire, Wisconsin  
Community UCC, St. Germain, Wisconsin  
UCC, Granville, Illinois  
First Church, Windsor, Connecticut  
First Congregational, Battle Creek, Michigan  
Pilgrim UCC, Durbury, Massachusetts  
Virginia & Steven Stockdale, Iowa Falls, Iowa  
Columbia Congregational UCC, Columbia, Connecticut  
St. John's Christian Church, Archbold, Ohio  
Longmont UCC, Longmont, Colorado  
United Protestant, Grayslake, Illinois  
Immanuel UCC, Indianapolis, Indiana  
Luckenbaugh/Nowak/Stewart, Canal Fulton, Ohio  
Amherst Community Church, Amherst, New York  
Faith UCC, State College, Pennsylvania  
Rev. John Modshiedler  
Grace UCC, Two Rivers, Wisconsin  
LINC Ministry, Hickory, North Carolina  
Pilgrim Congregational UCC, Houston, Texas  
Pilgrim UCC, Silver Spring, Maryland

*While several churches may have collaborated  
in a recovery trip, only the name of the church that  
organized the group is listed here.*

*Thank You!*

## Susie's story...

It's a long way from South India to South Mississippi, but distance didn't deter Susie Tharyan nor dampen her enthusiasm to spend most of her summer volunteering as an intern at Back Bay Mission. What she has found here is similar to her experiences in her hometown of Vellore – famous, she says, for its medical school, Christian Medical College and Hospital.



*Susie Tharyan*

Susie is part of a new venture between the United Church of Christ and the Alliance of Baptists who joined together this year to host a 10-week summer placement program for young adults. (See related story, *YASC Program*, p. 11.)

She comes by volunteering naturally; her parents have a long history of working with nonprofit organizations. Both are closely associated with the MBKG Kasam, also known as the Family Village farm, for orphaned children, in their hometown. Its primary sponsor is UCC Global Ministries, which made the connection for Susie. A UCC volunteer told her father about volunteer opportunities in the United States and encouraged her to apply.

She did and says she feels very fortunate to have been placed at Back Bay Mission.

"I come from a country of more than a billion people where 30 percent-40 percent live below the poverty line," she says. "You get used to it because it's there in front of you." Although India has a "booming economy," she says, these people earn less than \$1 a day.

But she was "hit in the face," figuratively speaking, when she first arrived in Biloxi, by a homeless woman who knocked at the door of the Mission's Guest House and asked for a place to stay.

Could it happen here as well?

"Showers and laundry facilities are a luxury to these people," she observes. "In my country, the acute poverty is greater and India needs hundreds of projects to provide shelter for the homeless, food pantries and soup kitchens for the hungry."

The biggest challenge, she says, is that unlike the United States, India has no Social Security-type program, and the poor and homeless must fend for themselves. However, she adds, "the government is making an effort and has initiatives for poverty alleviation, such as the National Rural Employment Guarantee program, which

provides the poor with work for 100 days per year."

Although she knew she would learn the "best practices" of organizations such as Back Bay Mission, Susie came to the United States with no expectations, save what she had read before applying for the volunteer program.

"But I'm leaving with so many ideas," she says, her eyes shining and excitement mounting in her voice. "This has definitely been an eye-opener and a life-changing experience."

Both of her parents are active in their home community and have maintained close ties with the Family Village Farm. Her mother has 13 years' nonprofit experience with Students Partnership Worldwide which hosts volunteers who come for three-six months and are placed in various villages. She started the project in one of the tribal villages to empower women, says Susie. Her father is treasurer of their church and is secretary of the Family Village Farm.

"I would like to involve children in outreach in my home village," Susie muses, by taking her message to schools and making students and their families, mostly middle class, aware of yet unknown opportunities. First on her agenda is getting toilet facilities built for the homeless in her own hometown.

At age 23, Susie has earned a bachelor's degree in English and a master's in communication. She has worked for a year in advertising with a public relations firm and her job awaits her when she returns home in

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*Bottom to top: Katy Kammerdiener, Susie Tharyan, Sharae McCreary on the steps of Back Bay Mission's Guest House where they have lived together during summer 2010.*

December. But she doesn't see herself doing advertising forever.

Through the blessings of technology, she has kept up with her family daily since she has been in the United States; what she misses most about home is the food. "We eat a lot of spicy food," she says. "Our curries are very different."

Her "flat mates" in the BBM Guest House have been two other YASC interns – Katy Kammerdiener from Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, who has worked with the housing recovery construction crews and Sharae McCreary of Toledo, Ohio, who has manned a number of duty stations: in the Micah Center, the Food Pantry, at the front desk in the client lobby and done outreach with the Home at Last caseworker, Roxanne Watts. The three women have carefully planned activities together, arranging to have two meals a day together, exploring the local environs, traveling to New Orleans and mapping out a trip to Florida.

Katy, the daughter of two former missionaries, says mission work is in her blood and because she'd always wanted to do construction work but never gotten the chance, the summer volunteer opportunity came as a "call from God."

From Biloxi, Sharae will return to the University of Toledo where she is a junior social work major. Katy looks, eventually, forward to doing "some sort of full-time missionary or outreach work, perhaps in disaster recovery."

And Susie will head to St. Louis where she will remain until December, staying with long-time family friend, Dr. Nesa Joseph, vice president of the Deaconess Foundation, and his family and volunteering with two other nonprofit organizations before going home to Vellore, her head filled with dreams of a better life for its homeless population, her heart bursting with enthusiasm for making that happen – and her mouth watering for those hot and spicy Indian curries.

## Deepwater Horizon oil spill: disaster strikes again

**O**n April 20, the Deepwater Horizon oil rig off the coast of Louisiana exploded, killing 11 workers and commencing the largest oil rig disaster ever experienced in the United States. In the three months leading up to July 15, when the oil flow was "contained," an estimated 107-184 million gallons of crude oil was dumped into the Gulf of Mexico. The impacts have been immense for the entire Gulf region; Mississippi has been no exception.

For residents of the Mississippi Gulf Coast, the Gulf of Mexico has long shaped a way of life and generated multiple sources of livelihood. Its beauty frames the Coast's southern shore, a playground for fishermen and boaters, tourists and locals. Its bounty of sea life earned Biloxi the title of "Seafood Capital of the World" earlier in this century, as immigrant workers came here to fish the seas and work in seafood processing plants. And the Coast's tourism industry depends heavily on the lure of our white sandy beaches and gleaming waters.

This disaster in Gulf waters, then, has had disastrous implications for the people and economy of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Shrimpers and oyster

harvesters suddenly had no work as waters were closed to commercial fishing. Charter boat captains were faced with similar work stoppage. Deckhands and seafood processing plant workers also lost jobs, while seafood restaurants and their employees confronted decreasing supply, increasing prices and sagging business. Hotels, too, saw sharp declines in business. While more than \$250 million has been paid out by BP to impacted workers in many of these situations across the Gulf Coast region, many more workers are still left with nothing, while major uncertainty looms as to when anything will change.

No one can say for certain what extent of damage has been done to the Gulf's ecosystem or how long it will take for fragile sea life to recover. But one thing is clear: this disaster has dealt another cruel blow to a Coast that was only just beginning to emerge from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. As Back Bay Mission works to meet new needs created by this event, your prayers and support are appreciated.

*Follow Back Bay mission updates about the effects of the oil rig disaster on the Mississippi Gulf Coast at [www.thebackbaymission.org](http://www.thebackbaymission.org).*

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## *Turtles bring giggles to cousins at Back Bay Mission. Anyone "up" for making turtles or other small stuffed animals????*

Cousins Saylor Grace, 4, and McKenzie Love, 2, were given turtles while waiting with their mother and grandmother for services at Back Bay Mission.

Turtles?

“These are just two of the dozens of children who wait in our lobby with their parents for services from the Mission,” said Jill Cartledge, Emergency Assistance case worker at Back Bay Mission. “The wait is much easier and more tolerable if they have something in their hands to hold or play with.”

So...where did the turtles come from? From volunteers, of course. The first turtles arrived at the mission last December from Vacation Bible School children in Deer Lodge, Tennessee. Nadine Gantt, a volunteer from Indiana, continued making the turtles during her afternoons at the Mission. Each turtle has a small pocket on its back in which a tiny toy animal is hidden.

“The giggles and smiles that come from little ones receiving these turtles and small toys lights up the faces of the other clients as well as staff and volunteers,” Nadine said.

The Mission front desk caseworkers are almost out of turtles and would like to have a continuous supply. The pattern for making the turtles is available from Connie Waidmann [cbwaidphtn@frontiernet.net](mailto:cbwaidphtn@frontiernet.net). Just request the pattern by email and you and your group can join the turtle brigade.

*Shelley Mason, 2, left, and Saylor Grace Wilson, 4, show off the turtles they received when they came to Back Bay Mission with their grandmother and mother, respectively, for direct assistance. The turtles help amuse small children while they wait for their parents to complete their business with the Mission.*



## *Bethel Estates moves ahead* by Maria Watson, *Changing Tides* Editor

From dirt-turning to ribbon-cutting, it's been less than a year. That includes installation of all infrastructure as well as the construction of two model homes, one of which at this writing, is almost complete. The historic ground breaking ceremony was held last October; the ribbon-cutting on the first model is scheduled for early September.

Everett Lewis, Back Bay Mission's affordable housing specialist, is confident that the development of Bethel Estates will proceed and succeed, despite the wavering economy and the oil disaster in the Gulf of Mexico (which has made a lot of people leery of settling on the Mississippi Coast). Bethel, he notes, means "House of God." When plans were first coming together for the new neighborhood in Pass Christian and co-workers were brainstorming with Lewis to come up with a name, his faith led him on.

"It just seems right," he said back then.

And it still does. "We are continuing to move forward," Lewis says, "because it is still a good time to purchase a home." Although the economy is, in Lewis' words, "suspect," the positives far outweigh the negatives.

"Interest rates are lower than ever," he says, "and these are high-quality units." They're built to withstand hurricane-force winds and are elevated to alleviate flooding issues.

The first model unit, a single-story, 1,217 square-foot home, should be complete in mid-August. "We're now seeking quotes from interior designers to come in and complete the décor." These houses (there'll be 28 single-family homes and two duplexes for a total of 32 units) are affordable – and they're also classy. Spacious living areas with hardwood floors, specially designed cabinetry and granite countertops in both kitchen and bathrooms make them super-attractive. They also have deep, double sinks in the kitchen and will be equipped with stainless steel electric appliances.

Once the first model is complete, and the ribbon cut, the Bethel Estates sales office, which has had a temporary location on neighboring property, will move into that unit. A second, two-story 1,445 square-foot unit just across the street, should be finished by the end of September.



*Everett Lewis, Back Bay Mission affordable housing specialist, stands on the steps of the almost-complete model home that will become the Bethel Estates sales office in September.*

So...who is eligible to purchase in Bethel Estates?

- People who are not existing homeowners and/or have not owned a home within the past three years;
- People who earn 120 percent of area median income (AMI) or less, based on household/family size.

Anyone meeting those standards is eligible to apply for purchase of a Bethel estates home. Prospective buyers with incomes below 80 percent of AMI are eligible to apply for a maximum subsidy of up to 50 percent of the cost of the chosen unit.

All infrastructure in the Bethel Estates community is complete and is 100 percent financed by a grant from the Mississippi Development Authority. Lewis says there is also no debt service on the two units now under construction.

Pass Christian's excellent school district is a good selling-point for families with children, Lewis says, and the community is continuing its steady recovery from Hurricane Katrina.

Bethel Estates is an important part of that recovery.



*Everett Lewis stands on the porch of Bethel Estates' first model home unit, across the street from the larger, two-story unit that is under construction.*

*Early construction on two-story model unit.*



*Kitchen interior of single-story model home in Bethel Estates.*

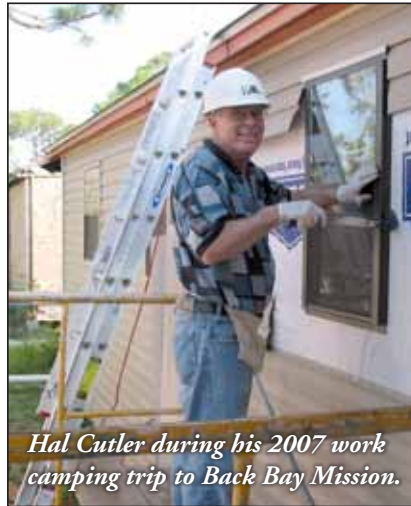
# Sharing a memory

By Hal Cutler

Memorial Congregational Church, UCC  
Sudbury, Massachusetts

In February of this year, my wife, Betsey, and I made our fourth trip to the Back Bay Mission for a work camp week. We made this year's trip with 13 other members and friends of Memorial Congregational Church in Sudbury, Massachusetts, including our daughter and three teenage grandchildren. Every one of those trips beginning in March 2007 has generated interesting and very satisfying memories.

Our church's relationship with the BBM began in 2006 when MCC responded to fundraising appeals for the Mission to support its recovery from Hurricane Katrina. Initially, our fundraising effort focused on the Church School, but in the fall of 2006 the congregation donated the proceeds of its Twelve Shoppes of Christmas Fair to the Mission. In the course of those efforts, we became aware of the Mission's work camp program and the acute need for volunteers because of Hurricane



*Hal Cutler during his 2007 work camping trip to Back Bay Mission.*

Katrina. I took on the task of looking into the program and soon had 10 people committed to a work camp week in March 2007. With the completion of the 2010 trip, a total of 42 volunteers from MCC have attended one or more of six work camp weeks and provided 69 workweeks in the reconstruction and renewal effort on the Gulf Coast.

We have come to realize that the efforts in one week are usually only an increment in a much longer project but there is great satisfaction in helping to move a project forward. On our first trip, our Crew installed insulation and

gypsum board in about two-thirds of a house that had been prepped by prior crews. In 2008, I worked with people from our crew and another group to install a roof, windows and doors of a new house. Making the house weather-tight and secure, we made it possible for the interior work to begin the following week.

Of course, another important aspect of the week is "camping" with a group of both old and new friends, including the folks from other groups who

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*Three generations of Hal Cutler's family came to Back Bay Mission from Massachusetts in April to work on the Katrina-damaged home of Biloxi couple Johnnie and Carroll Boudreaux.*



share our work week and the staff at the BBM.

This year's trip was special for Betsey and me because of the three generations of our family that participated. I noted after watching the teens working throughout the week and interacting with the homeowners at our work sites that the experience of the week will remain with the kids for the rest of their lives. It gave them an opportunity to see a unique part of this country but, more important, to interact with the people of that area and to minister to them. In fact, the adults in our crews have experienced those feelings as well.

During our workweek in April, we scraped and painted the home of Johnnie and Carroll Boudreaux in Biloxi. At the end of the day, the Boudreauxs shared

their experience of being trapped in their attic with their three dogs for six hours as Hurricane Katrina flooded their home to within a foot-and-a-half of the first floor ceiling. The Boudreauxs' story and their gratitude for the work being done on their house was my granddaughter Olivia Caputo's "experience-of-the-week."

"It just made me so happy to see how excited Johnnie was to tell her mailman that we were painting her house," she said. "She was like a kid on Christmas, and we're the ones who made that possible. It's a good feeling to know that a few days of your time can improve somebody's outlook for a long time to follow!"

I'm looking forward to organizing future trips for MCC and continuing to help the BBM fulfill its ministry to the

## *New volunteer program comes to BBM*

In 2009, the United Church of Christ (UCC) piloted "Companion Communities," a service program for young adults, through its Office of Volunteer Ministries. In 2010, the UCC and the Alliance of Baptists joined together to further develop the 10-week summer placement program.

The intent of the "Young Adult Service Communities" (YASC) program is to provide young adults with opportunities to serve, to live in intentional spiritual community and to engage in vocational discernment.

During the summer of 2010, Back Bay Mission served as one of six placement sites nationwide. (See related story on page 8.)

## *Students bring school supplies*



*A student work group from St. Paul's UCC, Columbia, Illinois, brought school supplies when they came in August to be distributed to needy students. Pastor Kris Avis-Rouse said the group was looking for "something to bring," called and talked to someone at the Mission and learned school supplies would be ideal. So, they listed the need in the church bulletin for several Sundays and came up with this load. Left to right: Christian Cunningham, Greg Whelan and Amanda Krebel, all 16-years-old.*

# GIFTS TO BACK BAY MISSION

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-H-  
Mr. & Mrs. Edwin & Carol Haywood  
*in honor of Jean L. Weiler*

-L-  
Ms. Joan Longmire  
*in honor of Rev. Lloyd Kamps*

-M-  
Mr. & Mrs. Larry & Mary Metcalf  
*in honor of Fran, Kendra, Kennedy, Noah &  
Kegan Metcalf*

-P-  
Mr. & Mrs. John & Sheryl Prestemon  
*in honor of Jean Snitkers' 80th birthday*

-R-  
Mr. & Mrs. Harold & Eleanor Ricards  
*in honor of Nancy Cook*  
Mr. & Mrs. Edgar & Linda Roosa  
*in honor of Rev. William Ellsworth's 55<sup>th</sup>  
anniversary of ordination*

Mr. & Mrs. Tim & Jennifer Rowles  
*in honor of Shari Prestemon*

-S-  
Mr and Mrs Paul Schroeder  
*in honor of Jeff Schroeder*  
Carrie Shrader  
*in honor of Cathie Sprague*

Mr. & Mrs. Richard & Carolyn Small  
*in honor of Martin C. Dally's birthday*  
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*in honor of the Rev. W. Douglas Snyder*

Lisa Stedman  
*in honor of Mary Hattendorf*  
Mrs. Jane Stewart  
*in honor of James F. Gregory*

-T-  
Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Jeanette Tangeman  
*in honor of Pat & Chester Barrett's 50th  
anniversary*

-W-  
Mrs. Kathleen White  
*in honor of Jack & Mildred White &  
Rev. Edwin Lincoln*  
Rev. & Mrs. Richard & Esther Whitney  
*in honor of Jonathan Whitney*  
Mr. & Mrs. Alvin & Norean Woodin  
*in honor of Betsey's ordination*  
Sue Ann Wunderlich  
*in honor of granddaughters, Lydia &  
Katharyne Hendricks*

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-B-  
Rev. and Mr. Jean & William  
Blanning  
*in memory of Dick & Sally Smith*  
Ms. Nancy Bowden  
*in memory of Richard & Sally Smith*  
Mr. & Mrs John & Louise Bush  
*in memory of Rev. Robert Langtry*

-D-  
Ms. K. Joanne Defibaugh  
*in honor of Rev. Robert Langtry*

-E-  
Mr. & Mrs. Myron & Emily  
Eisenhaure  
*in memory of Dick & Sally Smith*

-G-  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Marion  
Gilmore  
*in memory of Richard & Sally Smith*

Mr. James Grove  
*in memory of Susannah Grove*  
Ms. Denise Grubb  
*in memory of Rev. Robert Langtry*  
Mr. & Mrs. Wilfred & Carolyn Grubb  
*in memory of Rev. Robert Langtry*

-H-  
Mr. Bernhard Harst  
*in memory of Lulu Salge*  
Mrs. Marilyn Homeister  
*in memory of Rev. William Homeister*

-I-  
Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm & Helen Igou  
*in memory of Rev. Robert Langtry*

-K-  
Ms. Margo Kilbon  
*in memory of Richard & Sally Smith*

-L-  
Ms. Angela Langtry  
*in memory of Rev. Robert Langtry*  
Ms. Winifred Langtry  
*in memory of Rev. Robert Langtry*

-M-  
Moody Grishman Agency, Inc.-Milton  
Grishman  
*in memory of Pic Firmin*

Ms. Priscilla Morrison  
*in memory of Phyllis*  
Mr. Samuel Morrison  
*in memory of Betty Morrison*

-O-  
Mrs. Marcie Opfer  
*in memory of Milo Klocke*

-R-  
Rev. Robert Rezash  
*in memory of Anita N. Rezash*

-S-  
Mr. & Mrs. Henry & Martha Seward  
*in memory of Wendall Roberts*  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas & Clair Sharpless  
*in memory of Sally & Dick Smith*

Ms. Dorothy Shaw  
*in memory of Rev. Robert C. Langtry*  
Mr. David Snyder  
*in memory of Rev. Robert Langtry*

-T-  
Mr. & Mrs. John & Barbara Thomas  
*in memory of Rev. Robert Langtry*

## CHURCHES

-A-  
Amherst Community Church  
*Snyder, New York*

-B-  
Bethany UCC  
*Freeport, Illinois*

Bethel UCC  
*Hickory, North Carolina*  
Bible Way Baptist Church  
*D'Iberville, Mississippi*

Brownhelm Congregational UCC  
*Vermilion, Ohio*

**-C-**

Central Congregational Church  
*Atlanta, Georgia*

Central Congregational Church  
*Lynn, Massachusetts*

Christ Church UCC-Women's Guild  
*Annville, Pennsylvania*

Christ UCC  
*Dupo, Illinois*

Church of Christ Congregational  
UCC  
*Norfolk, Connecticut*

Church of the Pilgrimage  
*Plymouth, Massachusetts*

Church of the Redeemer  
*Westlake, Ohio*

Columbia UCC  
*Columbia, Missouri*

Congregational Church  
*Columbia, Connecticut*

Congregational Church  
*Punta Gorda, Florida*

Congregational Church  
*South Hero, Vermont*

Congregational Church  
*Middlebury, Vermont*

Congregational Church-Dorcas  
Society  
*Marlborough, Connecticut*

Congregational UCC  
*Ft. Myers, Florida*

Congregational UCC  
*Austin, Texas*

Congregational UCC  
*Grinnell, Iowa*

Congregational UCC-Women's Fellowship  
*Punta Gorda, Florida*

**-D-**

David's UCC  
*Canal Winchester, Ohio*

David's UCC  
*Kettering, Ohio*

**-E-**

Ebenezer-Salem UCC  
*Pearl City, Illinois*

Edwards Church of Northampton UCC  
*Northampton, Massachusetts*

Emmanuel UCC  
*Bluffton, Ohio*

Evangelical UCC  
*Highland, Illinois*

**-F-**

Faith Community UCC  
*Toledo, Ohio*

Faith UCC  
*New Braunfels, Texas*

Faith UCC  
*Ridgway, Pennsylvania*

Faith UCC-Women's Guild  
*Indianapolis, Indiana*

Federated Church of Orleans  
*East Orleans, Massachusetts*

First Church of Christ-Church Circle  
*Sandwich, Massachusetts*

First Community Church  
*Columbus, Ohio*

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*Wellington, Ohio*

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First Congregational Church-Women's  
Fellowship

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*Twinsburg, Ohio*

First Congregational UCC  
*De Kalb, Illinois*

First Congregational UCC  
*Ravenna, Ohio*

First Congregational UCC  
*Berea, Ohio*

First Congregational UCC  
*Appleton, Wisconsin*

First Congregational UCC  
*Mt. Vernon, Ohio*

First Congregational UCC  
*Menomonie, Wisconsin*

First Congregational UCC  
*Madison, Wisconsin*

First Plymouth Congregational Church  
*Englewood, Colorado*

First UCC  
*Galion, Ohio*

First UCC-Women's Fellowship  
*Irwin, Pennsylvania*

Friedens UCC-Women's Guild  
*Geronimo, Texas*

**-G-**

Greenbelt Community Church  
*Greenbelt, Maryland*

**-H-**

Heritage United Methodist-Men  
*D'Iberville, Mississippi*

**-I-**

Illinois Conference UCC  
*Westchester, Illinois*

Immanuel UCC  
*Carlyle, Illinois*

**-J-**

Jordan UCC  
*Allentown, Pennsylvania*

**-L-**

Linc Ministry  
*Hickory, North Carolina*

Lyonsville Congregational Church  
*Indian Head Park, Illinois*

**-M-**

Memorial Congregational Church  
*Sudbury, Massachusetts*

Memorial UCC  
*Fitchburg, Wisconsin*

Miami Shores Community Church  
*Miami Shores, Florida*

Mt. Zion UCC  
*Wapwallopen, Pennsylvania*

**-N-**

Naples UCC  
*Naples, Florida*

North Congregational  
*St. Johnsbury, Vermont*

North Congregational Church  
*New Hartford, Connecticut*

**-O-**

Ofallon UCC  
*Ofallon, Illinois*

Old Enterprise Foundation  
*Lebanon, Illinois*

**-P-**

Palm Schwenkfelder Church  
*Palm, Pennsylvania*

Parkway UCC  
*St. Louis, Missouri*

Payson Park Church  
*Belmont, Massachusetts*

Peace UCC  
*Schofield, Wisconsin*

Peace UCC-Women's Guild  
*Berrysburg, Pennsylvania*

Philippus UCC  
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*Williams, Minnesota*

Pilgrim Congregational-Women's Fellowship  
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Pilgrim UCC  
*Cincinnati, Ohio*

Pilgrim Congregational-Women's Fellowship  
*St. Petersburg, Florida*

Pilgrim UCC  
*Cincinnati, Ohio*

Plymouth Congregational Church-Women's Fellowship  
*Coconut Grove, Florida*

Polk Grove UCC  
*Dayton, Ohio*

**-S-**

Salem UCC  
*Farmington, Massachusetts*

Salem UCC  
*Doylestown, Pennsylvania*

Scottsdale Congregational UCC  
*Scottsdale, Arizona*

St. Andrew UCC  
*Sarasota, Florida*

St. John's Reform  
*Loyalsburg, Pennsylvania*

St. John UCC  
*Freeport, Illinois*

St. John UCC  
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St. John's UCC-Women's Fellowship  
*Red Lion, Pennsylvania*

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*Webster Grove, Missouri*

St. Mark Church  
*Covington, Kentucky*

St. Matthew UCC  
*Wheaton, Illinois*

St. Paul UCC  
*New Bremen, Ohio*

St. Paul's UCC  
*Hinckley, Illinois*

St. Paul's UCC  
*Sellersville, Pennsylvania*

St. Peter's UCC  
*Elmhurst, Illinois*

St. Peter & St. Paul UCC  
*Cincinnati, Ohio*

Somers Congregational Church  
*Somers, Connecticut*

South Central Conference UCC  
*Houston, Texas*

South Congregational Church  
*Granby, Connecticut*

South Congregational Church  
*East Hartford, Connecticut*

South West Ohio North Kentucky Association-SONKA UCC  
*Centerville, Ohio*

Somers Congregational Church  
*Somers, Connecticut*

South Central Conference UCC  
*Houston, Texas*

South Congregational Church  
*Granby, Connecticut*

South Congregational Church  
*East Hartford, Connecticut*

Steuben Congregational UCC  
*Willard, Ohio*

Storrs Congregational Church  
*Storrs, Connecticut*

**-T-**

The Community Church  
*Vero Beach, Florida*

The First Church in Windsor-Paul & Desley Monacos Trust Fund  
*Windsor, Connecticut*

Trinity Community Church  
*Cincinnati, Ohio*

Trinity UCC  
*New Lebanon, Ohio*

Trinity UCC  
*Tiffin, Ohio*

**-U-**

UCC  
*West Milton, Ohio*

UCC  
*Redlands, California*

UCC  
*Covington, Ohio*

UCC Congregational  
*Pittsville, Wisconsin*

UCC Congregational Church  
*Vermilion, Ohio*

Union Church-Women's Association  
*Hinsdale, Illinois*

Union Congregational Church  
*North Reading, Massachusetts*

Union Congregational Church-Women's Fellowship  
*West Palm Beach, Florida*

United Church of Christ San Angelo  
*San Angelo, Texas*

United Church of Craftsbury  
*Craftsbury, Vermont*

United Congregational Church  
*Lubbock, Texas*

United Federated Church  
*Williamstown, Vermont*

United Protestant Church  
*Grayslake, Illinois*

**-W-**

Wells River Congregational Church  
*Wells River, Vermont*

West Adrian UCC  
*Adrian, Michigan*

Westminster Presbyterian Church  
*Gulfport, Mississippi*

Wisconsin Conference UCC  
*DeForest, Wisconsin*

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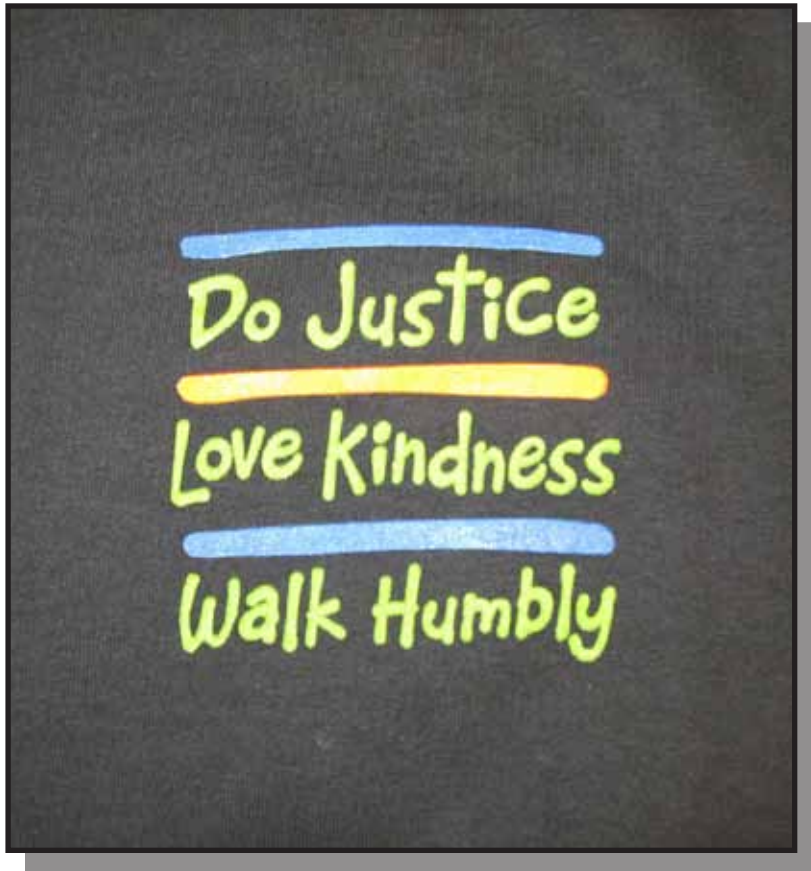
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