

**Subject:** Dear Grandchildren

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**To:** Kate Hopta



# DEAR GRANDCHILDREN

Grandparents often say, "if they knew how fun grandchildren were going to be, they would have had them first!" I do not have grandchildren yet, but for decades I have been locked in on a dream of attending family camp with them

at Moon Beach. That vision has shepherded me through 20 years of service to United Church Camps, Inc. (UCCI). It is in that spirit that I offer some concluding thoughts as executive director:

*To my grandchildren, whom I love dearly –*

*For 20 years it was my privilege to serve UCCI. It has been a big part of my life since birth! I have attended at least one UCCI event every year of my life ... except for three. One was the year the Covid Pandemic did not allow for any gatherings. The second was the year your father/uncle Christian was born. (The Parliers should have heeded that advice! 😊) And the third, when I was two, because your great-grandma Millicent could not manage me ... or so Edi Moore claims. Three years, that is it. I was so fortunate to live, work, and vacation in such sacred thin spaces!*

*I am proud of what our teams accomplished during my time in leadership. We charted a mission and ministry of love, grew that ministry to three sites, founded Camp AweSum, shored up an aging infrastructure with our Campital Campaign, and because of many incredibly generous people through the Keep the Fires Burning Campaign, lived to talk about it after the pandemic lifted. Lives were changed for the better.*

*I love the mission and ministry of UCCI. Building relationships with guests, volunteers, and supporters of our ministry were some of the greatest joys of my life. I was grateful to have been able to pass the torch on to an incredible team devoted to seeing UCCI flourish.*

*As with any position, I left UCCI in 2022 with unfinished work. I had always hoped that someday UCCI would find that pot of money that would free us to focus solely on loving and serving people. And while I still believe it is out there, I have realized that our collective generosity is just as powerful. People are AMAZINGLY generous and will gladly support an organization that focuses on loving and serving people in need. I do.*

*Kids, I cannot wait to get to Family Camp with you this year. Maybe I'll dig out our old kool-aid-themed nametags; your great aunts were "Rootin Tootin Ruby" and "Jolly Ollie Julie", I was "Goofy Grape Glenn." Your great-grandma always had some cool ideas up her "left-handed" sleeve. Your great-grandpa Hank started this family*

*legacy way back in the 1960s. That man sure knew what he was doing.*

*With all my love,  
Grandpa Glenn*



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## Event Registration is Open

There are several new events and some summer favorites that still have openings. Don't wait, secure your spot today!

[2022 Events & Registration](#)

# Summer Staff & Volunteers Needed

[CLICK HERE FOR ALL STAFF OPPORTUNITIES](#)



## Moon Beach Summer Staff

Summer staff at Moon Beach does a little bit of everything, so you'll never be bored! From youth programming to lifeguarding to helping in the kitchen, cleaning cabins, nature walks with guests, and lawn mowing, there's something for everyone!

[Apply today!](#)

## Camp AweSum Volunteers

Volunteers at Camp AweSum Family Camp provide much-needed respite to parents and caregivers. Commitments include plenty of free time for your own enjoyment and recreation. Ages 14+ with adult.

[CAF I – June 12-18, 2022](#)

[CAF II – June 19-25, 2022](#)

[CAF III – July 31-Aug. 6, 2022](#)

[CAF IV – Aug. 7-12, 2022](#)



## Events that support Camp AweSum



### Jigsaw Run

6k Run or Walk  
Virtual Event - run anytime between  
April 23 - May 7, 2022



### Golf Fore Kids

June 2, 2022  
Ridgeway Country Club  
Neenah

## Shout out to the horses!



*"It is always a highlight of our camp to see our anxious son up on that horse relaxed and happy; hugging every inch of that horse with his body. We know that horse day is going to be a great day at camp." – CA Family*

We couldn't agree more; horse day is a great day! [Scholl Community Impact Group](#) is a non-profit organization that strives to provide purposeful, supervised interactions with horses for families and individuals with physical, cognitive, or emotional disabilities. Scholl Community Impact Group has been a critical part of Camp AweSum programming for years. They continuously offer their time and horses to provide a unique experience for our campers. Thank you Scholl, volunteers, and horses, we are so grateful!

# April is Earth Month



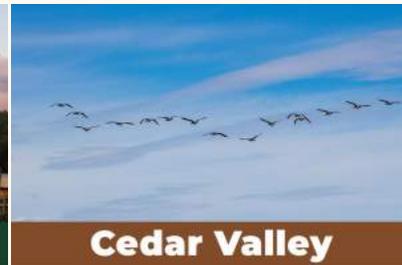
UCCI is blessed to steward the sacred places of Moon Beach, Daycholah Center, and Cedar Valley. Loving the earth is woven into our mission and ministry. Watch for more stories and inspiration about that love in action. In the meantime, check out the wonderful resources available from the WCUCC [Kairos Call to Action](#).



**Moon Beach**



**Daycholah Center**



**Cedar Valley**

**[NEW! Quietly Creative 4-Day Retreat](#)**  
**[May 13-16, 2022](#)**  
**Adult**

Enjoy unstructured quiet time by the fireplace for writing, drawing, knitting, reading, doing crossword puzzles, or whatever your creative activity of choice may be.

**[Fishing Family Camp](#)**  
**[May 20-22, 2022](#)**

Join other anglers for a Northwoods weekend on the water, community building around the fire and swapping fish stories! Host Charlie Durkee will supply you with bait, fishing advice and will even cook your catch for our famous Sunday Brunch and Fish

**& Me**  
& Me events are designed for young campers to have a one-on-one adventure with an adult they love. Each week of & Me has a unique area of interest, with all the traditional things you love about camp: games, water fun, campfires, arts & crafts, songs and more!  
*(These camps were previously named Grandparent & Me, Mom & Me)*

**[& Me \(Adventure 1\)](#)**  
**[July 5-8, 2022](#)**  
**[Grades K-2](#)**

**[& Me \(Con\)](#)**  
**[July 10-13, 2022](#)**  
**[Grades K-2](#)**

**[Developing Artistry in Oils with Susan Plough](#)**  
**[June 24-26, 2022](#)**

Hone your observational and painting abilities, and develop your personal expression as you choose dynamic points of view, use color to promote interest, vary brushwork and backgrounds for different effects, and capture the essence of your subject.

**[Commuter Overnight](#)**

**[Copper Enameling Penny Bracelet with Beth Ratledge](#)**  
**[August 20](#)**

Beth will lead you through kiln firing your enameled pennies and transforming them into a

Fry!

**Special Needs 4-Day  
Wonder Weekend  
(Memorial Day)  
May 27-30, 2022  
Multigenerational**

Enjoy an extended Memorial Day weekend retreat at Moon Beach designed to give rest and rejuvenation to families living with special needs.

**Glamping Weekends at  
Moon Beach**

*New for 2022, Glamping is open on select weekends. Please call 715-479-8255 or [email](#) to make a reservation.*

**& Me (Sail)  
July 17-20, 2022  
Grades 2-4**

**& Me (Preschool 1)  
July 24-27, 2022  
Ages 4-6**

**& Me (MADD 1)  
July 31-Aug. 3, 2022  
Grades 2-4**

**& Me (Adventure 2)  
Aug. 7-10, 2022  
Grades K-2**

**& Me (MADD 2)  
Aug. 14-17, 2022  
Grades K-2**

**& Me (Preschool 2)  
Aug. 14-17, 2022  
Ages 4-6**

unique piece of wearable art. All supplies are included.

**Morning Session  
Afternoon Session**

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**UCCI Mission Statement**

We will love God, All Others, and the Earth by providing sanctuary, practicing hospitality, and performing ministry.

**Land Acknowledgment**

UCCI's campuses, Cedar Valley, Daycholah Center, and Moon Beach are located on the ancestral homelands of the Ho-Chunk, Menominee, and Ojibwa Nations. We acknowledge these First Nations communities who have stewarded this land throughout the generations and pay respect to their elders past and present.



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