

Subject: May Newsletter

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From: UCCI - United Church Camps, Inc.

To: Kate Hopta



Hello Friends,

It is my privilege and pleasure to greet you as the interim executive director of UCCI. I am honored, humbled, and excited to be stepping into this role for an

organization that connects you to each other and God through the sacred places of Moon Beach, Daycholah Center, and Cedar Valley.

I am hard-wired to serve outdoor ministry. Looking back, I can see the seeds for this moment were planted a long time ago through outdoor adventures in childhood. The awakening of my sense of faith and connection to our Creator came through UCCI Moon Beach Camp. My calling to a ministerial vocation came while immersed in nature. Later in my adult life, while serving as a UCC pastor, my relationships kept bringing UCCI more clearly into focus. Specifically, Glenn Svetnicka saw how my passion and past work experience could benefit UCCI. I officially joined the staff at UCCI Cedar Valley as a facilities lead in early 2020 and have been Director of Ministry and Site Operations since this past November. And now, God is working again by presenting this new opportunity as interim executive director.

I am grateful for those who love and work tirelessly on behalf of UCCI. It is a blessing to have a strong and supportive community. Our team is deeply committed to the mission and ministry of the work ahead. I humbly ask that you pray for us as we lean into a new era of leadership.

I am looking forward to being on-site for some events this summer and meeting you in person. I invite you to reach out and introduce yourself in any fashion you like. Also, reach out to our team—we love to work with you for event registration, creating retreats, and forming partnerships that align your mission with outdoor ministry.

I will wrap it up for this edition with a passage from a book I recently came across. It beautifully captures what's in my heart and the invitation that is waiting for you.

"The natural world—that world where we already belong—is an alluring invitation into the sacred, into relationship with something larger. And that very sacred presence invites us into the wild. The whole process is holy. It is a dynamic, a reciprocity, a loving conversation, a relationship—one that includes me and you and God and the whole wild, alive world."
Victoria Loorz, Church of the Wild

In your service,
Rev. James Schleif
executivedirector@ucci.org





All sites are now Mask-Friendly Environments

Our Covid-19 policies have changed to include being Mask Friendly at all sites and events. Here's what that means: masks may be worn by anyone at any time at any of our sites, but masks are not universally required. This means that some staff and guests may choose to remain masked, some may not, and we support those individual decisions.

All guests and potential guests are encouraged to read our entire [Covid-19 policy](#). Creating a safe environment to gather and to communicate clearly has always been our goal. We will continue to monitor the situation and adjust as needed. Thank you for your continued understanding and support as we do our best to provide sanctuary, hospitality, and ministry.

[2022 Events & Registration](#)





Summer Staff

The summer staff at Daycholah Center and Moon Beach is really coming together. Our team is excited to welcome you and is passionate about serving you!

At Moon Beach, we are still seeking a [Waterfront Manager](#). Please share this opportunity with someone you think would be a good fit!

[See all job openings](#)

Volunteers

Volunteers are the heart and soul of many summer programs. Volunteer weeks include plenty of free time for your own enjoyment and recreation.

[Camp AweSum Family Camp II, June 19-25](#) really needs some additional hands and hearts. Open to ages 14+ with adult. Check it out!





New Dock System at Daycholah Center

Check out this spectacular improvement to the waterfront at Daycholah Center. A new dock system was installed a few weeks ago that will significantly improve water access. For sure, it's the best seat in the house for catching a Green Lake sunset!

One incredibly generous donor stepped forward to bring this dream to life! What a heart for outdoor ministry and a vision for the future - THANK YOU!

Kuddos to J&J Services in St. Germain for their expert guidance and installation. They also donated the two basketball hoops and the flagpole.

Donors, partners, and volunteers are the lifeblood of getting a major project like this completed. We are grateful.

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Moon Beach



Daycholah Center



Cedar Valley

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.

Summer Family Camp

A few family camp sessions still have openings. If an event is full, we encourage you to join the wait list as openings are possible.

Explore Summer Youth Camp sessions!

Camp is all about being together and having fun! Kids need this now more than ever. If you've been thinking about summer camp, now is the time to register! Campers make new friends, build confidence and independence through shared adventures, and come together in a community of acceptance and belonging.

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 unique piece of wearable art. All supplies are included.

Morning Session Afternoon Session



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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