

Subject: Reminder: January 🎅 Newsletter

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From: UCCI – United Church Camps Inc.

To: Kate Hopta



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Executive Director Announced

New Year's Greetings,

January often comes with a reflection of the past year and a more clearly focused vision of the future. A large part of creating a vision for United Church Camps, Inc. (UCCI) and bringing it to life relies on steady and devoted leadership. With that top of mind and after prayerful consideration, the UCCI Board of Directors is pleased to announce that it has named Rev. James Schleif as executive director. Schleif has been serving as interim executive director since April 2022.



"Jim has handled organizational challenges and this transition with incredible grace and thoughtfulness. He is a collaborative leader focused on listening, building relationships, and positioning UCCI to succeed while staying true to the mission of the organization," said Tom Bayer, Board President. "In the interim role, Jim has earned the trust of the board and we are confident that he will continue to faithfully guide UCCI in the years to come."

Jim's journey with UCCI began in early 2020 as the facilities lead at Cedar Valley, UCCI's site in West Bend, WI. His passion for outdoor ministry and demonstrated servant leadership moved him into the role of director of ministry and site operations in November of 2021.

Jim's broad vocational expertise makes it likely that guests will find him leading vespers, helping in the kitchen, winterizing a waterfront, as well as providing

organizational management, strategic planning, development guidance, and spiritual grounding.

Prior to joining UCCI, Schleif served as the settled Pastor and Teacher at both St. John's UCC in Slinger and Hartford, WI. Before acknowledging a calling to ministry late in vocational life, Schleif served for eight years in the US Navy Nuclear Power Program (submarines) and 28 years in commercial nuclear power generation and emergency management. The combination of engineering and technical skills, plant operations, and supervisory and organizational leadership roles have all helped prepare him to step into this role. Jim facilitated the collaborative group that renamed and rededicated Daycholah Center in October 2021. This work effectively intersected the interests of UCCI, the Ho-Chunk UCC Church in Black River Falls, WI, the Alliance for Justice, and the Creation Care Team of the Wisconsin Conference UCC.

"The UCCI journey has been a true challenge over the last few years. Much has changed both internally and externally, but what remains constant is the transformational capacity of outdoor ministry. We have a remarkable partner in the Wisconsin Conference UCC, and I look forward to future growth and a sustainable business practice that holds true to our core ministry. I ask for your continued prayers and invite you individually and collectively to consider how you might "Return to Sacred Ground".

The UCCI Board of Directors along with UCCI leadership and staff are excited and energized for the work ahead, and the sacred sites of Moon Beach, Daycholah Center, and Cedar Valley look forward to welcoming you with warm hospitality in 2023!



Welcome Amanda Edwards Daycholah Center Managing Director



Daycholah Center UCCI is excited to welcome Amanda Edwards as managing director. Amanda looks forward to bringing her experience, skills, and spiritual gifts to our



guests and team.

Amanda shares, "I am thrilled to share my passions for building community, fostering spirituality, and connecting with nature with the UCCI community. I grew up in Iowa, but the woods and waters of Wisconsin are my family's home away from home. Moving to Daycholah Center and the Green

Lake community is a dream come true. What an ideal place to integrate my experience as an educator, camp administrator, and pastor! I am joined at Daycholah Center with my family (including three children ages 17, 13, and 11) and can't wait to begin connecting with you."

"As I gazed at Green Lake from Daycholah Center's chapel for the first time, two young golden eagles swooped in front of the picture windows and alighted in a nearby tree. This confirmed what I had already felt walking the grounds: that Daycholah Center is a sacred place. What an honor to join the UCCI community as Daycholah Center's new managing director."



2023 Camps and Events Registration

IMPORTANT DATES & INFO

We are pleased to share the UCCI 2023 schedule of camps, retreats, and events with you. [Explore the sessions offered](#) and happy planning!

Camps, events, and retreats that take place before March 31, 2023, are [open for registration now!](#)

Camps and events scheduled for April 1 or beyond will open for registration later this month. The exact date will be announced soon.

[Explore 2023 Camps & Events](#)



Featured Event



Women's Wild Winter Weekend
February 24-26, 2023 | Moon Beach

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Calling all "Wild Women" for a wonderful weekend away! WWW will include time for personal sabbath, singing, crafts, group activities, and fellowship time. Pamper yourself in our Comfort Corner, enjoy the Silent Auction, our fabulous Saturday night banquet (complete with a chocolate fountain bar), wonderful worship, and of course, plenty of time to enjoy the quiet but wild beauty of Moon Beach in winter. Hosted by Black Creek UCC Ladies.

[**Women's Wild Winter Weekend February 24-26, 2023**](#)
[**4-day option: February 23-26**](#)

Register Now!



New Events & Returning Favorites Sign Up Now!



Alcohol Ink & Acrylic Bouquets
February 4, 2023 | Cedar Valley

[Alcohol Ink & Acrylic
Bouquets with Beth Kluth](#)
[February 4, 2023](#)
[9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.](#)
[Cedar Valley](#)



Plein Air Studio Workshop 1
February 18-19, 2023 | Cedar Valley

[Plein Air Studio Workshop 1
with Lorin Willey](#)
[February 18-19, 2023](#)
[Commute
Overnight](#)
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Winter Camp (Youth)
February 17-19, 2023 | Daycholah Center

[Youth Winter Camp](#)
[February 17-19, 2023](#)
[Daycholah Center](#)
[Youth Gr. 3-12](#)



Full Moon March Family Weekend
March 17-19, 2023 | Moon Beach

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Wish Lists

We are grateful for the many ways you love and support outdoor ministry: volunteering, attending camps and retreats, praying, sharing words of encouragement, and more.

Year-round, we have many needs for maintenance, appliances, unexpected repairs, and supplies. Check out the wish lists created by each site and see how you might help out. Donated items may be new or in good used condition. Please [contact us](#) to arrange a donation or if you have questions. Thank you!!

Cedar Valley

- Grab bars for the bathrooms
- LED lights for the kitchen
- New kitchen stove
- Volunteer for tree management
- AED
- Golf cart
- Garden beds

Daycholah Center

- Children's art supplies
- Garden beds
- Golf cart
- Commercial rug cleaner
- Commercial washer and dryer
- Stackable washer and dryer
- Kitchen oven

Moon Beach

- Cabin curtains (fabric needed)
- Shower curtains
- Off-road vehicle or larger golf cart
- Playground equipment
- Garden beds

Make a Monetary Donation



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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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