



Lantern Fellowship Women's Retreat

Planned in the spring and fall each year by women of the Heartland Conference of the United Church of Christ, Lantern Fellowship is a time when women of all generations come together to enjoy faith, fun, and friends. The retreat will be held at Camp Christian with housing in Monroe Lodge and other nearby cabins. Camp Christian is place where the spirit can find renewal. The Steering Committee hopes you will invite a few friends and loved ones to share in the wonderful experience of Lantern Fellowship. You can learn more about Camp Christian at: <https://www.ccinoh.com/camp-christian.aspx>

September 18-20, 2026

Check-In begins at 4:00pm on Friday,
with dinner served at 6:00 pm.
Events end on Sunday after lunch.

Voicemail: 740-481-1956
LanternFellowship@gmail.com

Weekend Activities

There will be time to explore Camp Christian, shop with the Market Path Fair Trade Store, get crafty doing art projects, and have lots of fun and fellowship with friends, old and new!

Lodging

We endeavor to accommodate for differently-abled participants. Please include preferences on the registration form. Most rooms at Camp Christian are double occupancy with 2 twin beds. Final lodging decisions are made by the Steering Committee.

The weekend is \$170.00 per person; \$155.00 for first time attendees. Refer a friend, and save \$10 on your next Lantern weekend. If cost is a concern, please contact us about the Callie Budd Scholarship Fund.

Registration Issues:

Please contact
Rev. Bobby Burt,
bobby@heartlanducc.org
or 1-800-282-0740 ext. 3 for
assistance.

*Spring Lantern Fellowship
will be April 16-18, 2027,
at Camp Christian*

Register online <https://heartlanducc.org/storycontinues/>

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The Ministry of Place A Theological Proposal Rev. Michael Howard

September 18-20, 2026

Camp Christian

10299 Maple Dell Rd., Marysville, OH 43040

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Program:

The Ministry of Place: A Theological Proposal

Offered as a "theological proposal," *The Ministry of Place* will explore how scripture is rooted in the landscapes of Eden, Sinai, exile, and resurrection, and how faith itself emerges in dialogue with the places we inhabit. Drawing on theologies of land and community, as well as insights from social ecology, we will reflect on how listening to our neighborhoods and ecosystems can renew our discipleship and witness. Rev. Michael Howard will share stories of how scripture comes alive when read as a conversation about place, inviting us to imagine how our own congregations might embody God's dream of justice, belonging, and restoration in the places we live, work, and worship.

Keynote Speaker:

Rev. Michael Howard

Michael serves as Pastor of Federated Church of Chagrin Falls. Michael brings a deep sense of place to his ministry as a teacher, community organizer, writer, and prophetic Christian leader. Throughout his work, Michael has helped congregations, nonprofits, small businesses, and community organizations imagine new possibilities for beloved community and the common good. His ministry integrates theology, social ecology, and community development, inviting people to discern how faith takes shape in the places they inhabit. Michael is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. He holds an MPA from Morehead State University and an MDiv from Drew Theological Seminary.

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Registration for Fall 2026 Lantern Fellowship

Is online through

<https://heartlanducc.org/storycontinues/>

Click on Fall registration Link

Costs:

\$155.00 First-time Attendees

\$170.00 Returning Attendees

We encourage everyone to attend the full weekend.
We do offer a reduced cost for attendees who will arrive after dinner on Friday or must leave prior to lunch on Sunday.

To Register:

Create a new account or log-in to your account.

Make sure you have your insurance card, policy number, list of medications and allergies, immunization records, and an emergency contact for the weekend.

Check in: 4:00 pm-6:00 pm

Look for a Welcome Email 1 week prior to the event with reminders and further information for the weekend

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, September 2, 2026