



# THE SPIRE CENTER

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Good will gifts & offerings are accepted with gratitude.  
Registration & info: <https://livingwaterone.org/spirecenter/>***

## **TUESDAY, JANUARY 17 • 6:30 - 8PM PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEES**

### ***Best Practices and How to Start One***

The relationship between pastor and people is vital to the health of the church. Both are responsible to see that this relationship functions well. The key is the Pastoral Relations Committee. If you don't already have one, or know that yours could be better, come learn best practices for an effective Pastoral Relations Committee.

**FACILITATOR:** The Rev. Nayiri Karjian, Association General Minister

## **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25 • 6:30-8PM APPRECIATIVE INQUIRY**

Appreciative Inquiry is a process of discovery that invites us to look into what most gives life through asking the right questions. Instead of, "What's the problem?" it asks, "What's the gift?" This process leads to positive change by providing a perspective that appreciates what is and evokes gratitude for whatever's next. It intentionally focuses on Defining, Discovery, Destiny, Dreaming, and Designing with gratitude, faith and the Spirit's guidance.

**FACILITATOR:** The Rev. David Long-Higgins, Conference Minister, Heartland Conference, UCC

## **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28 • 6:30-8PM FROM ANXIETY TO TRUST**

**ANXIOUS ABOUT THE EMPTY PEWS?** Find yourself asking, "Why aren't the people coming back?" You are not alone. In this SPIRE learning opportunity, we're going to do something a little different. Led by life coach and church consultant, Nicole Havelka, we'll be creating a safe space to deal with this corrosive crisis that's eating away at our peace and trust in God, in our hearts and in our churches.

**FACILITATOR:** Rev. Nicole Havelka of Nicole Havelka Consulting: Mindful Leadership

**SPECIAL SPIRE CENTER EVENT**  
In person at The Church in Silver Lake

## **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 9AM – 12PM LGBTQ SAFE SPACE: ALLY TRAINING 101**

Join us if you want to be an LGBTQ+ ally! Come deepen your awareness of personal ideas, stereotypes, and assumptions about LGBTQ+ persons. And increase your comfort level in addressing concepts and language regarding LGBTQ+ communities. Discover a network of allies who support and offer care to people of all sexual orientations, gender identities and gender expressions.

**FACILITATOR:** Dr. Ken Ditlevson, Director of LGBTQ+ Center, Kent State University

**LOCATION:** The Church in Silver Lake UCC 2951 Kent Rd, Silver Lake OH

**REGISTRATION:** \$15

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