The United Church of Christ’s “Inspiring Model of Ministry” series will feature a “Messy Church” learning event at McFarland UCC on November 8 from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. This event is being sponsored by the Faith Formation Team of the United Church of Christ and McFarland UCC. McFarland UCC is one of several churches across the country that has been selected for an IMM event.

Inspiring Models of Ministry are hands-on learning events where we invite churches to come and observe the model in action. Attendees actually participate in the model activity rather than just hearing about it. At the conclusion of the activity attendees reflect on what they saw and experienced, hear from the Inspiring Model church leaders and discuss how attendees might transfer the model to their own ministry settings.

Messy Church is an innovative practice developed in the UK which helps brand churches as welcoming places for children and families who are unchurched or unable to attend regularly. This approach strives to help families to grow together in their walk of faith, and not see Christianity as something you grow out of when you’re 11. Since its inception in 2004, Messy Church has spread all over the U.K., Canada, Australia and New Zealand. It is just beginning to catch on in the US. McFarland UCC is one of a handful of UCC churches catching the vision of Messy Church.

Come and see what the excitement is all about and figure out how you can bring this back to your church setting. This event will be of interest to anyone desiring to involve more children and families in a meaningful way in the life of their faith community.

Registration fee: $25, includes evening meal
Information and registration: http://events.uccpages.org/messy-church.html

November 8, 2015
McFarland UCC, 5710 Anthony St., McFarland, WI.

10:00 am (Optional) Attending Morning Worship Service at McFarland UCC
3:30 pm Registration
4:00 pm Messy Church introduction
4:30 - 6:30 pm Messy Church (Evening meal is included as part of the Messy Church program)
6:30 - 7:00 pm Reflection / Discussion Time
7:00 - 7:30 pm Q & A with Rev. Kerri Parker, Pastor of McFarland United Church of Christ
7:30 - 8:00 pm Continued Discussion: How could I do this in my ministry setting?

A limited number of $200 scholarships are available to help with travel, etc. Please contact Rev. Ivy Beckwith at beckwithi@ucc.org for more information.
For more information about this Messy Church Inspiring Model of Ministry please contact beckwithi@ucc.org or 216-736-3875.