



GLAUCE 2018

October 9-11, 2018

Standing Together
A Sacred Conversation on Race
Let justice roll down like waters. Amos 5:24

Keynote Speaker:
Rev. Traci Blackmon

Additional Workshops
Including a session of Messy Church

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Keynote Speaker & Workshop Leader- Rev. Traci Blackmon



Rev. Blackmon is the Executive Minister of Justice & Local Church Ministries for The United Church of Christ and Senior Pastor of Christ The King United Church of Christ in Florissant, MO. Her life's work is focused on communal resistance to systemic injustice. She is a widely recognized voice as an activist and author, having been appointed to the Ferguson Commission by Missouri Governor Jay Nixon and the President's Advisory Council on Faith-Based Neighborhood Partnerships by President Barack Obama. (Rev. Blackmon's complete bio will be included in the attendee packet.)

Wednesday Worship - Rev. Linda Reynolds has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from the University of Missouri and a Master of Divinity from Eden Seminary. Ordained in 2002, Linda served churches in Missouri, Minnesota and Southern Illinois. Since retirement in 2016, Linda remains active with the Missouri MidSouth Conference, Vice Chair of AUCE, supporting STL-AUCE, consulting and providing support for Faith Formation in the Missouri MidSouth region as well as Illinois South

Workshops

DIGGING into Scripture: An Exegetical Approach to Bible Study - Rev. Marian Plant Working to make sense of scriptural texts or to understand the original message of Bible passages and even entire books of the Bible is a little like excavating an archaeological site layer by layer. We won't know what treasures lay below the surface let alone in each layer under it unless we use some specialized tools to help us. In this workshop Dr. Marian Plant will guide participants in exegetical excavating of several passages in the Bible, plus provide hands-on experience with some of the "specialized tools" available. No experience necessary. Curiosity helpful.

Dr. Marian R. Plant is an ordained pastor and teacher in the United Church of Christ. Her current position is at Defiance College (a UCC-related College) where she is Professor of Religious and Ministry Studies and holds the Schaffler Chair of Christian Education. Prior to her faculty position she served in small, middle-sized and large churches in rural and suburban settings. Marian is an author, poet, seminar and workshop leader, keynote speaker and consultant in church leadership, ministry and mission, Christian education and always in faith formation.

Using Story to Talk about Racism and White Privilege with Children, Youth, and their Families - Rev. Ivy Beckwith

This workshop will provide resources for both churches and parents to talk with their children and youth about racism and white privilege. We will look at the ways personal stories, and children's and young adult literature can be used to help children, youth and families explore other cultures, history, and understand others' personal experiences with discrimination and hatred. We will discuss how to use these curated resources as effective teaching tools.

The Reverend Doctor Ivy Beckwith is the Minister and Team Leader for Faith Formation at the national setting of the United Church of Christ in Cleveland, OH. She has held that position since December, 2013. Ivy has served several churches in the US in the area of Children and Family Ministry. She has worked also in curriculum publishing. She is an internationally known speaker and writer particularly in the area of the faith formation of children, youth, and families. She is the author of Postmodern Children's Ministry and Formational Children's Ministry. Most recently she authored Children's Ministry in the Way of Jesus with Canadian author and scholar Dave Csinos.

Messy Church - Ronda Bower So you've heard of "Messy Church" but don't know quite what that means. Here's a chance to get messy and learn what it's all about! Hands - on, participatory, fun!

Ronda Bower is currently the Pastoral Associate for Family and Educational Ministries at Northfield Community Church in Northfield, IL. Before moving to the Chicago area, she was an elementary and middle school teacher as well as serving as Youth Director and Children's Ministry Director in Orlando, FL.

Cost: \$350/single room; \$310/double; \$300/triple (meals, lodging, events) \$220/commuter (meals & events only. No lodging)

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