

# "Rejoice and Renew" Weekend



## ***CHECK LIST***

- ⇒ Friday June 4 - Art Hop at FCC 5-8pm
- ⇒ Saturday June 5 - Renew Evening 7pm
- ⇒ Sunday June 6 - Worship/Lunch 10am



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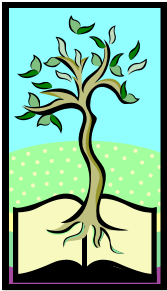
# Our Schedule of Events!

## **FRIDAY JUNE 4TH 5-8PM "RECREATE"**

Art Hop Night at FCC with FCC artists, jazz music, snacks and time to meet our pastor from the 80's, Rev. Dudne Breeze, who was pastor when we celebrated our 150th in 1985. Bring your friends and hang out with your FCC folks.



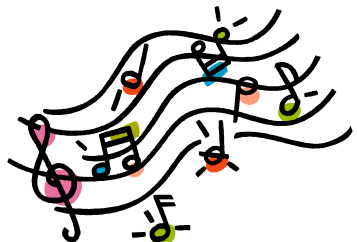
## **SATURDAY JUNE 5TH 7PM "RENEW"**



Inspirational music and speakers prepare us for our 175th celebration. Rev. Dudne Breeze, Edith Guffey and Pastor Matt help get us ready for our next 175 years. This opportunity connects you with our past, our local church community and our nationally extended church family.

## **SUNDAY JUNE 6TH 10AM "REJOICE"**

Our exact birth date back in 1835! Our choir along with soloists and KSO instrumentalists will present the Vivaldi "Gloria". Pastor Matt will preach and Edith and Dudne will join us in worship. We will follow up this special day with a semi-catered luncheon. Please sign up outside the office so we can appropriately prepare. We are requesting a free-will donation to cover the cost of the food. If you can make that donation when you sign up, please do.



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## Our Guests



### **REV. DUDNE BREEZE**

served as our senior minister from 1979-1989. He led FCC through our last major celebration of 150 years in 1985 and it seems fitting to bring him back to reflect with us on the last 25 years. Dudne was born in Boston in 1938. After receiving a degree in political science from Tufts University, Boston,

he went to Union Seminary in New York City. His first parish was in Cleveland, Ohio. There he met and married his wife, Gail. He next served Pilgrim Memorial Church in Pittsfield, MA. He then moved on to Newton Highlands Congregational Church in a Boston suburb and also as a visiting instructor in homiletics at Andover Newton Theological School.

In 1990 he accepted a call to serve as Senior Minister of the Wilton Congregational Church in Wilton, CT. Dudne has since retired. We look forward to him and his wife visiting, sharing stories about his life since then, and his thoughts about now given the unique perspective of once being our pastor.



### **EDITH GUFFEY**

is Associate General Minister of the United Church of Christ. Edith joined the national setting of the church in 1991. She is a graduate of Baker University, Baldwin, Kan., and holds a master's degree from the University of Kansas. Edith is a member of Federated UCC in Chagrin Falls, Ohio. *(continued, next page)*

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In 1985, when 31-year-old Edith Guffey was packing for a trip to Ames, Iowa, to attend her first-ever UCC General Synod, little did she know how that experience would soon alter her life.

A young administrator at the University of Kansas and a member of Plymouth Congregational UCC in Lawrence, Kan., Guffey acknowledges she was elected that year as a Synod delegate because, "I was a young adult, a layperson, a woman, an African-American, and was active in the [Kansas-Oklahoma] Conference."

The diversity which she helped bring to General Synod 15 was — and continues to be — one of the biennial gathering's most-meaningful trademarks, she says, and "being intentional about diversity" was something that spoke volumes to her during her first involvement with the national UCC of any kind. "I really had no sense of the diversity or 'bigness' of the UCC," she recalls. "I was, frankly, blown away. That Synod gave me a sense of the whole of the church, something that no local church can replicate. It's just not possible." (Synod is the biennial meeting of our denomination, the United Church of Christ.)

Pastor Matt, Dianne Roberts and Howard Tejchma all had the opportunity to work with Edith on local arrangements for the UCC General Synod in Grand Rapids, MI last year. We are looking forward to her visit to our local UCC church community.