

Sunday, April 18

2:00-2:45 Cindy Birkner will meet with children grades **K through 5**. During their time together they will be talking about the face of God. What does God look like to a child and how does that image help them feel close to God? Parents are welcome!

3:00-3:45 Cindy Birkner will meet with **Middle School** aged youth. During their time together they will talk about the clutter in our lives and how we can slow down and find time to be with God. Youth leaders are welcome!

4:30-6:00 Cindy Birkner will meet with **High School** youth. During their time they will have a short moment of worship followed by a video that will help them dive into a deeper discussion. Youth leaders are welcome!

6:30-7:30 **Opening Worship**: Come join us for a time of worship. We will celebrate God's presence in our lives through song, dance, and word. All are truly welcome!

7:00 - 8:00 **Post-Worship Hang Out**: This space is for anyone who wants to hang out after worship, have some conversation with each other and just enjoy time together.

Monday, April 19

9:30-10:30 **Church Finance Discussion**: This workshop is designed for those in our church leadership roles who focus on finance. Church finance can be challenging, so we will focus on best practices and procedures for working with and talking about money in the church.

3:00 - 4:00 **Technology in the Church**: This workshop will review current ways to continue to expand your digital footprint as a church living in modern times. Some areas we will explore are the use of social media platforms to get your

message out, technology is not just for youth and the importance of having a good website and Facebook Page.

4:30 - 5:00 **Young Adult Gathering** Join in for conversation as we talk about our faith in the world today.

6:30 - 7:30 **Beer w/Damien**: Why not grab a beer or your beverage of choice and join our ACM for some fun and conversation. You can always ask him about his favorite hobbies.

Tuesday, April 20

11:00 - 12:00 **Retiring Well**: This workshop is being led by The UCC Pension Board. We ask the question, how do we PIVOT from active ministry into retirement. Retirement isn't just about sitting around and watching TV. We believe that retirement is another phase of ministry that can be just as fulfilling as when you served a church or worked as a chaplain.

2:00 - 3:00 **Pivoting in Ministry**: This discussion will be led by some of our own MMS clergy who have seen opportunities to PIVOT in their ministry. This panel of clergy will answer questions about how and what they did in order to continue to do hope filled ministry at key times in their life.

4:00 - 5:00 **Budget Chat**: Our Conference Council treasurer will be here to go over the 2021 Budget and answer any questions you might have before the Business Meeting on Saturday.

6:00 – 7:00 **Youth Leaders Renewal Service**: This will be a time for to gather in a sacred space to be fueled and recharged so that we can continue to do the work that God is calling us to do.

Wednesday, April 21

10:30 - 11:30 Pastoral Relations Committee: This workshop is open to anyone but is thought of as a time for our church boards and councils to think about the importance of having a PRC. If you don't know what this is then you won't want to miss it. Every minister needs a good, healthy PRC to support them and their ministry in the local church. Come and find out how to create this committee and use it as a healthy space to do ministry.

2:30 - 3:30 Seminary Debt: Do you have seminary debt? Lots of clergy have seminary debt and we need to do something about it. This seminar is being put on by the UCC Pension Board. They plan to talk about the cost of seminary and the best ways to help eliminate that debt so that our clergy are not burdened with this worry as they serve our communities.

4:00 - 5:00 General Synod: This is an open space where we will talk about the upcoming *General Synod 2021: Rooted In Love* that will be held virtually in July. You can learn about the resolutions being presented, the schedule of events and ask questions about this amazing event that will take place right in your living room on the couch!

6:00 - 7:00 Pets In Ministry: Have you ever wondered why your pet is not famous? Maybe it is time to bring them into your ministry. Join Rev. Liz Deveney as she talks about her pet ministry online, in the pews and out in the community. Following this great workshop there will be a pet blessing ceremony, so don't forget to bring your favorite pet and join this heartwarming discussion.

Thursday, April 22

12:00 - 1:00 Pivoting In Mission: So many churches already know how to do good mission and are making a huge impact on the world. During this workshop one of our ministers from the UCC Global Ministries will talk about PIVOTing your Mission and turning it into something new.

5:30 - 6:30 Wine & Wonder with Ginny: Come, grab a glass of wine, and join our

beloved CM for some fun and laughter. She will kick off her shoes and share some time talking about whatever comes up in your mind.

7:00 - 8:00 **Bylaws**: This discussion will be a review of the proposed changes to the MMS Conference Bylaws that we will be voting on at the business meeting on Saturday. Come and listen, ask questions and learn about these proposed changes and how they impact our work going forward.

Friday, April 23

Various session times beginning at 10:00 **Gatherings; Members in Discernment,**

Licensed pastors, Interim Ministers, Clergy of Color, 20/30 Clergy,

Childrens' Ministers: Each time slot is designed to provide a space for different groups of clergy, including licensed pastors, Members In Discernment looking to become clergy and those serving as Interim Ministers. We hope you will attend the gathering that fits your description and encourage others to join you in these spaces for good conversation and building of collegial relationships.

Saturday, April 24

9:00 – 3:00 **CAG Business Meeting**: Register to join us for the Conference Annual Gathering Business Meeting where we will be voting on several important topics including revised MMSC Bylaws, Unifying Call, Core Ministries, and the slate of both council members and General Synod delegates.