

**Ministerium 2018 --- St Louis area UCC clergy gatherings!**

Please mark your calendar for the second Wednesday of each month – excluding June, July, August – for fellowship, refreshments and learning from 10-11:30am

We will focus our attention on *The Marks of Faithful and Effective Authorized Ministers* this year. *The Marks* is a tool for discernment and assessment, created especially for use by Members in Discernment, Committees on Ministry, and authorized ministers. *The Marks* developed through conversations surrounding the Ministry Issues Pronouncement of General Synod 25, which sought to expand UCC definitions of learnedness and leadership in authorized ministry and to emphasize excellence in ministerial formation.

It's important to note that *The Marks*, available on our UCC website, [http://www.ucc.org/ministers\\_marks](http://www.ucc.org/ministers_marks) is not a checklist or report card, in which one strives to receive a perfect grade in every category. Rather, *The Marks* provides a lens for reflecting upon a person's formation, gifts and growth both before authorization and throughout one's ministry.

Wednesday, January 10... Introduction to *The Marks*

Host: Susan King Forbes -- revskf@gmail.com

Brentwood Congregational Church UCC

2400 South Brentwood Blvd; Brentwood, MO 63144

**As the year unfolds, we will focus on a different *Mark* each month.**

Wednesday, February 14 (Ash Wednesday) **Engaging Sacred Stories/Traditions**

Host: Eric Moeller -- emoeller@stlucasucc.org

St Lucas UCC -- www.stlucasucc.org -- 314-843-2100

11735 Denny Rd; St. Louis, MO 63126

Wednesday, March 14 **Participating in Theological Praxis**

Host: Cliff Aerie and Bob Chase -- cliff.aerie@gmail.com; 216-870-1548

Eden Seminary -- eden.edu -- 314-961-3627

475 E Lockwood Ave; Webster Groves, MO 63119

Wednesday, April 11 **Caring for All Creation**

Host: Kevin Cameron -- kevin@parkwayucc.org

Parkway UCC -- parkwayucc.org -- 314-872-9330

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