

NEW COVENANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY CHURCH

June 11, 2020

Together Through Technology

An Invitation from Pastor Tom

We hope that you will join us for a congregational Zoom chat on **Tuesday, June 16, at 1:30 p.m.** It is always a delight to see the faces of our friends while we continue the



practice of social distancing. A link to connect to the Zoom call will be sent early next week. Please join us as we gather together through technology.

ICCC 2-Day Virtual Gathering

Mark your calendar. On July 20-21, the ICCC will hold its first ever virtual gathering. Last month, the ICCC Board canceled the annual conference, due to concerns of spreading COVID-19. Now, instead of meeting in Dublin we will gather together online.



International Council of Community Churches

Rev. Elizabeth Hagen from Palisades Community Church in Washington, DC will lead the opening worship with communion (although, from a distance). Several workshops will be presented, along with Bible Study with Dr. John Kinney. We will end on a high note with a dynamic worship experience led by Rev. Marcus Tillery from the Community Church of East Williston in Williston, New York.

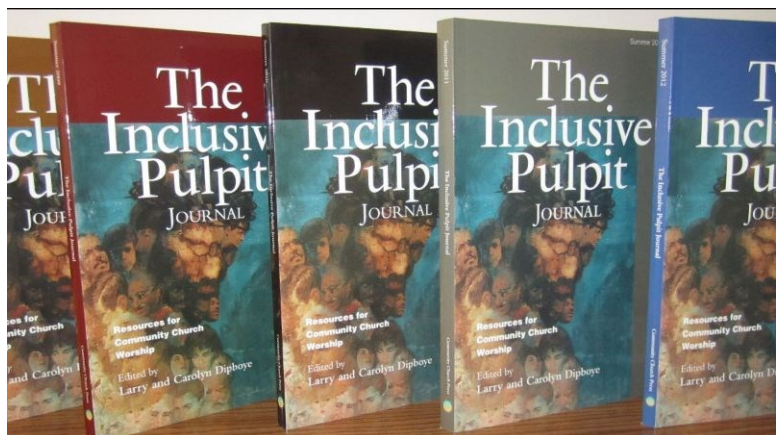
And the really, really good news is that it will all be recorded and available if you miss it live. And, the event is **FREE**. A free will offering is appreciated to cover costs.

The schedule will be posted on the Council website (as it is available) and will be shared in a special July edition of the Christian Community.

The Inclusive Pulpit Journal

The ICCC annual "book of sermons" is now out, with sermons, poems, prayers, etc., all submitted by ICCC family.

The book is normally included in the Annual Conference fee. For a limited time, you can buy it for \$8.50 (includes s&h). Please send payment to the Council Office, or through our website. www.icccnow.org/iccc-bookstore/



Our church was recognized in Wednesday's Beacon Journal in the "Voice of the People" for a letter written by Nancy Williams, representing NCCC. Sometime soon there will be a general letter from AAIC representatives, which will include Tom's name as a member of the group.

Power must be shared equally

As a 94-year-old woman, I am fully aware of this country's long history of patriarchy and racism that has continued the dominance of white male privilege. It is time that this power be shared by all citizens regardless of color, gender or faith.

Ann Brooks Duff, New Franklin

More people ready to bear witness

As president of the governing board of New Covenant Community Church in Akron and a member of the Akron Area Interfaith Council, I am writing this letter to support all our African-American brothers and sisters in their time of grief and suffering. We are appalled by the racism and inhumane treatment by our white, privileged class.

As a member of a congregation in which Jesus commands us to "love one another," I feel

that many of us today struggle to overcome our biased viewpoints, but that more people in our society are now ready and willing to bear witness to the deep pain and trauma experienced by our brothers and sisters of color and stand in solidarity with them.

We pledge to work to build community and to turn the tide against the bigotry and hatred surrounding us.

Nancy Williams, New Covenant Community Church, Akron

We need an attitude adjustment

2020 has been a monumental year so far. The COVID-19 pandemic. The knees of a policeman on the body of a black man has been felt from Minnesota in the north to New Zealand and Australia in the south. The videos of police assaults on unarmed demonstrators in Brooklyn, Buffalo, Los Angeles, Sarasota, Miami, Colorado

Pledge Drive for Parking Lot Resurfacing Project

Thank you, everyone for sending in your pledges for the parking lot renovation. As of Thursday, \$17,350 has been pledged for the parking lot renovation.

Tuesday, Tim Meyer and Ken Williams met with Perrin Asphalt to go over details for the renovation along with the additional cost of the apron and required permits. The original cost of the concrete apron, given by another company that has since backed out, was figured in several months ago. A proposal from Perrin should be out soon for the Governing Board's acceptance.

