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Sunday Worship at 10:45 A.M.

Second Helping Dinner at 6:00 P.M.

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“Go, and Do the Same”

Throughout the month of October, you'll be invited by our Stewardship Committee and other people in our congregation to prayerfully consider your 2017 pledge to First Congregational UCC. We call this the “Stewardship Campaign” and I think that the language is important. It’s not a fundraiser (though we do raise funds). Instead, it’s an opportunity to ponder anew the gifts we have been entrusted with - both as individuals and as a congregation - and to think about how to best steward those resources.

The thematic text for this year’s campaign comes from Luke 10. You probably already know it: the story of the Good Samaritan. Jesus tells this parable as an instructive text. At the end, he encourages his listeners, “Go, and do the same.” Go, be like the Good Samaritan. Go, tell this story to others. Go, take seriously what you've heard here today.

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This story is often said to be about hospitality. And it is. But it's also about Hospitality's close cousin, Generosity. Have you ever noticed that the Good Samaritan really goes above and beyond? He doesn't simply notice the man laying beside the Jericho Road. He doesn't just offer to call for help. Instead, he takes his own precious time AND his financial resources and offers them generously to a total stranger. He not only carries the injured man to safety, but pays for his continued care. He not only pays for one night's lodging, he tells the innkeeper to do whatever is needed and gives his word to come and pay the debt. It's pretty amazing when you think about it, really.

I always wonder, how did the conversation between this Good Samaritan and his family go when he arrived home that evening. "Honey, you won't believe...the most surprising thing happened to me today when I was on the Jericho road!" His spouse or other family members might have chastised him: "You stopped for a Jew? You could have been killed! They hate us, you know." Or what about this, "You spent how much money? On a perfect stranger?"

Or maybe his family was just awfully proud of him. We don't know.

What we do know is that Jesus commended him for his behavior. He put himself out there - put himself at risk. He did something that appears, at first glance, to be wild. He went out of his way with his generosity. He did this because he knew it mattered and he knew he had the ability, with the resources he had been entrusted with, to save a life.

Can I tell you something? Something that really matters? Lean in. You don't want to miss this:

You, too, have the chance to save a life. In fact, you are already doing so. There are people who walk through the doors of First Congregational UCC and experience a love so dramatic, so complete, so true that their lives are changed. Utterly transformed. Such is the power of God's love working through us. It almost takes your breath away, doesn't it?

We, too, can "Go, and do the same." We, too, have the opportunity to save lives - both literally and in a transformational sense. What a gift. What an honor. Thanks be to God.

Pastor Caela

Sharing and Caring

Prayers and Concern

- For more information, please contact the church office.

Helping

- **Need a ride to church?** Contact one of our transportation volunteers: Jim/Carolyn Hodgson, Bill Pallett, or Jeff Keller.
- **Home Communion Visits** The Deacons can bring communion to your home on the first Sunday of the month. Visits at other times can be arranged with the pastor.

Thanks

- We want to send a big "thank you" to our church family for all the support you gave to us during Burke's recent hospitalization from a broken hip. He is doing great now and is walking around with the help of a walker. All the cards, calls, food and visits were deeply appreciated by both of us. *Burke & Margery Bayer*

From the Moderator

This spring, I had opportunity to visit my daughter Jenny Lee and her husband in their home in Florida. While there, I pulled a book from their bookcase and started to read. It was an old favorite, a collection of Sherlock Holmes stories by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. As I read story after story, a line from *The Boscombe Valley Mystery* stuck with me, and it's been with me ever since. In reflecting upon it this month, I decided it would be the perfect way to introduce to you another group from Cabinet, the Members at Large. In Doyle's engaging tale, Sherlock Holmes states, "There is nothing more misleading than an obvious fact." These nine little words are very powerful, even profound, especially as they have the characteristic of being able to be interpreted differently by different people. I like that.

For our discussion, let's say that perspective makes a big difference. Brian Greene, in his book *The Fabric of the Cosmos: Space, Time, and the Texture of Reality*, amplified this idea, saying, "The insights of modern physics have persuaded me that assessing life through the lens of everyday experience is like gazing at a van Gogh through an empty Coke bottle." So, as it relates to our Cabinet, if we are to have the clearest and most accurate vision possible, we need to have the proper perspective. And we get that by having members of the group who represent directly the people we serve. These are the Members at Large, and they are not affiliated with any of the standing committees. I value their observations, views, and input in a special way because of that. This year, these individuals are Rebecca Bishop, Bill Pallett, and Amanda Tross. Each of these good people has a unique way of looking at things, and here let me emphasize the meaning of the much misused word "unique," which is, of course, singular. I can recall with great clarity statements by each of these folks during Cabinet meetings that helped the group to see an issue more clearly or to put a given set of facts into the proper perspective. The Members at Large are very important members of Cabinet, and I hope that you will engage them in conversation and thank them for the work that they do for us all.

So, now we are at a place when, after articles about all the constituent parts of Cabinet have been shared in previous

newsletters, we are about to set out to reconstitute committee and Cabinet memberships for the coming year. This duty falls to the Nominating Committee--Ann Smit, Brent Maner, and Mary Ellen Barkley. They will be reaching out to members of the congregation soon, but before they do so, may I ask that you consider assuming a position on one of the committees that appeals to you and, when you have made this decision, contact Ann, Brent, or Mary Ellen and share your desire to serve? The “long line of continuity” that vivifies and sustains our church is dependent upon folks like you and me, and we very much need to have the input, perspective, and contributions of each one of us. Such service is fun—I hope it won’t surprise you to know that every Cabinet meeting finds each of us laughing at some point during our time together, and I think you’ll find service to the church an excellent way to grow in your beliefs by putting them into practice in a simple and tangible way. Rabindranath Tagore, the first non-European to win the Nobel Prize in Literature, had it right, I think, when he wrote, “I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy.”

May it always be so.

Alfred

E-MAIL PRAYER CHAIN—If you wish to be added to the First Congregational e-mail prayer chain, please contact the church office. It is a quick and easy way to stay up to date with your church family.



October Mrunch

Our next Mrunch will be Saturday, October 1. We'll meet at Bluestem Bistro from 9-11am. Childcare will be provided at the church as needed. Mrunch is a time for mothers of elementary age kids and younger (even if you are just expecting) to come and enjoy a peaceful supportive environment with other mothers in the same season of life. If you have questions, or if you need childcare during this time, please contact Andrea Chamberlain. Hope to see you there!

Lunch Bunch October 5



Join the Women of the Church for Lunch Bunch on Wednesday, October 5 at **Olive Garden (near HyVee on 3rd Street)**. It's not for women only—everyone is welcome to join us for lunch at 11:30 a.m. (Find monthly Lunch Bunch locations by going to the church website at www.uccmanhattan.org and then clicking on Community Life/Events Calendar.)

Ministry of the Decorative Scissors



The next retreat of the Ministry of the Decorative Scissors is from 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 13 until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 15 in Andover Hall. Everyone is welcome. There are no guarantees that you will complete any projects, but you will have fun and meet delightful people. Come for an hour or for the whole time! Feel free to bring a snack to share. For more information, contact Sue Gerth.

KO Conference Connections

This month we send delegates to the Kansas-Oklahoma Conference of the UCC's annual meeting in Wichita. Alfred Cochran, Julie Hunt, and Pastor Caela will attend on our behalf. This event is held Oct. 14-15. Alfred and Julie will be participating in a special "moderators' luncheon" to meet other lay leaders in our conference. Pastor Caela will be giving a presentation entitled, "Tell the Story: Increasing Your Congregation's Community Visibility."

Later in October we are sending representatives to a special training being hosted by the KO Conference. As a part of the conference's anti-racism initiative, we are able to have members of our congregation preview and receive instruction about the new UCC adult curriculum on White Privilege by one of its authors, the Rev. Da Vita MacAllister of the Connecticut Conference. The costs are completely covered by the conference - our OCWM dollars at work! Blessings on Emily Brueseke, Kerri Keller, Tracey Weston, Caela Simmons Wood, and Andrew Wymer as they attend.

Welcoming Dinner

On Saturday, Oct. 29th we will gather together people who are new and new-ish to the church for a Welcoming Dinner. This is a lovely evening of breaking bread and getting to know each other. Those who attend will be given an opportunity to ask questions about First Congregational and meet some of our long-time members. The event is hosted by our Board of Deacons. If you are new to the church and want an invitation to the dinner, please e-mail Pastor Caela (pastor@uccmanhattan.org). If you are interested in helping cook, serve, or clean, please contact Linda Thurston.

Around the House...

Hello Folks,

Just wanted to take a moment and talk about the recent parking lot rehab. The Trustees have received a lot of positive feedback on the painting job performed by Mr. Larry Morgan of Morgan Painting. We think he did a fine job and are glad to hear that so many of you think he has as well.

I just wanted to first explain that we added an oversized van spot to the row immediately south of the ramped entrance in order to accommodate a larger vehicle that may have a wheel chair lift. You can tell this spot from the others as it has blue hash marks around it for clearance purposes needed for the bigger vehicle. Having this spot available furthers our ADA compliance and is a step towards making sure even our parking lot is friendly to all. Secondly, along with the van spot, Mr. Morgan highlighted the loading zone area on the west side building. This area will make it easier for folks to be dropped off and picked up and act as a loading area for the kitchen and events that may take place. Please keep the blue areas around the van spot and the yellow areas of the loading zone clear so they may be able to be used as intended.

This particular job proves that even the small things count to our congregation; I feel it gives a fresh, clean, and inviting look to an often overlooked area of our space, even if it's just simply where we park our cars.

Steve Bishop, Trustees

Remembering Our Saints

On November 6, we join with Christians around the globe in remembering our saints on All Saints Day. We invite you to remember the saints in your own life by bringing along an item that represents the person you wish to honor. We will have a table set up in Pioneer-Blachly for your items. Your saint might be a relative or friend. They might be someone famous that you've never met. A saint is simply someone who has gone before us and has showed us how to live. We remember their lives and honor them the first Sunday in November. You may want to bring a photograph, keepsake, newspaper article, or some other memento. We'll have cards available for you to write the saint's name and we can all browse the items during Fellowship Hour.

\$hop \$mart Grocery Cards

If you ever shop at HyVee, the church can gain support through your use of pre-purchased gift cards from the church (which buys them at a 6% discount). Please contact Dave Manning and let him know of your interest. If enough people are interested in these cards, we will continue to have them available.



Electronic giving

Contributions can now be securely debited automatically from your checking or savings account. Our new electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. Collection basket offerings can fluctuate significantly from week to week due to travel, illness and other circumstances, but when contributions are automated, the church receives funds on a steady, uninterrupted basis. To set up your electronic donation, ask treasurer Dave Smit for an authorization form or stop by the church office.

Adult Sunday School Opportunities

Adult Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

September 11 - October 9

Sue Gerth and Rachel Mollie Martin invite you to join them for transACTION, a five-week course designed to help churches better understand and welcome people who are transgender. This curriculum, designed by the Institute for Welcoming Resources, will help participants understand the needs, apprehensions, and fears of transgender people – as well as the wealth of gifts and graces they bring to congregations. Barbara Satin, author of the curriculum and transgender advocate, says, “We tried to make this a learning experience that would go beyond just the basics of gender identity and gender expression in order to give participants an understanding of the issues and concerns that transgender people have when trying to express their faith and spirituality in a church or any religious setting.” If you plan on participating, please download an electronic copy of the participant guide [here](#) or contact the church office if you'd like a hard copy.

October 16 - November 6

Gayle Doll will lead a study of Mary Pipher's bestselling book *Another Country: Navigating the Emotional Terrain of our Elders*. This book by Mary Pipher (author of *Reviving Ophelia*) explores the way we connect with our elders. It is especially helpful in developing a conscious plan about how to manage relationships with our loved ones become more dependent, but also helps those of us who are aging to be aware of our role in relationships with those who are younger than we are. Pipher recommends learning "interdependence", claiming that the American way has been to promote independence to a fault. There are good lessons here for all of us. Gayle requests that participants read at least the introduction to the book before class begins on Oct. 16th. If you would like the church office to order a copy of the book for you, please let us know by Oct. 10th.

Christian Education

I can't express enough gratitude for the kindness of this congregation! What a wonderful welcome I've experienced! The children are amazing and we have so much fun in our discussions and play during Kids Worship. Several wonderful adults are volunteering as Sunday School teachers, Sacred Space leaders, and Word for Children leaders, and I'm so thankful to be a part of this ministry.

You may have noticed that the PrayGround has remained in use in the back of the sanctuary. We've found that its a great option for children to have during the service, it helps new families have a comfortable place to use as they get to know our church, and it functions as a clear, visual sign that we welcome and celebrate the lives of children here.

Rehearsal for the Christmas Pageant begins on November 6th and will continue each Sunday morning through the season. All children are invited to be a part of this and I will be planning age-appropriate ways for each child to be involved. I'm planning to have each rehearsal be about half an hour long in order to have time to still participate in Sunday School and hopefully not take the joy out of preparing for the pageant!

I always welcome the opportunity to get to know individuals in our congregation better, so don't hesitate to contact me at children@uccmanhattan.org.

Andria Anderson

Director of Children's Ministries



Youth Group

Dear Church Family:

I hope that you are coping well with all the turmoil in the world right now. I know tend to get overwhelmed with everything that is, and isn't, happening around injustice. When I get to that point overwhelm I tend to look to the next generation, full of life, joy and potential. I ask that we look to them now. If you look around you, you will see that G-d is still speaking through them.

On October 16th, G-d will be speaking through them in a youth led church service focusing on the trip to Florida. The sermon will be followed by a coffee social hour which might see an appearance of the famous enchiladas. We hope you will join us as the youth would like to thank this congregation for its spiritual and financial support for the National Youth Event.

Also, on October 2nd, the youth group and Sunday school will be invited to Manhattan's Crop Walk to raise awareness about global poverty and also to raise funds to help fight it. The Crop Walk's starting location is First Presbyterian at 801 Leavenworth and registration begins at 1 PM with the walk starting at 2 PM. For more information please go to the following link:

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/manhattanks>

The rest of October's calendar for youth ministry is as follows:

Sunday School (5th-12th Grade)

- October 2nd: Christian Response To Justice Movements
- October 9th: Adult Sunday School Only
- October 16th: Prayer for Youth Sunday Service
- October 23rd: Adult Sunday School Only
- October 30th: All Souls Remembrance

Youth Group (7th-12th Grade)

- October 2nd: 1-4 PM Crop Walk
- October 9th: No Youth Group
- October 16th: 9:30 AM-1:30 PM Youth Sunday
- October 23rd: No Youth Group
- October 30th: 4-6 PM Halloween Movie

In peace,

Tai Amri Spann-Wilson



Neighbors in Need

The Neighbors in Need offering, on October 9, supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Through ucc.org/justice, our national Justice and Witness Ministries office offers resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network (a network of thousands of UCC justice and peace advocates), Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice. Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Historically, forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hockak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and northern Nebraska. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the U.S.

Please give generously on October 4. Contributions to Neighbors in Need can be made on-line at any time at:
www.ucc.org/nin

Stewardship

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Manhattan, Kansas has a tradition of serving our community that extends beyond Sunday worship. Our congregation makes a difference in the Manhattan community



and the wider world as we give of our time and resources to support efforts aimed at bringing about justice and peace and living out a life of love. But reaching these goals requires a commitment of both time and financial resources.

During the next few weeks, we will be examining the financial needs and the financial support that each of us can provide to accomplish this work. We “kicked off” our Stewardship campaign during the worship service on Sunday, September 25 with a review of the way our dollars are spent. The week of October 9, Stewardship letters with pledge cards enclosed are being mailed to members and friends of First Congregational- UCC. Included in those letters is a review of the many ways your donation will be put to use.

Sunday, October 30, 2016 has been designated as Stewardship Sunday at which time we will be asking for individual financial commitments, made in the form of pledges, to the life and mission of our church. However, pledge cards will be gratefully received at any time. (Cards are also available in the church office.) **Your pledge makes our ongoing mission possible.**

A strange thing happens when we give our money. We are moved from a fear of scarcity to a trust in abundance. This Stewardship focus provides an opportunity to reconnect with the joy of giving!

The Stewardship Committee

Craig Weston, Marcia McFarland, Jean Hill

Cobb Corner — Going Green

“As the Lord keeps and sustains us, so we must keep and sustain our Lord’s creation.” Genesis 2:15, *The Green Bible*, p. 1-28.

One area where Americans are scandalously wasteful concerns food. Estimates are that some 40% is wasted and with it all the energy and effort that went into producing it. Families annually waste an average of \$650 worth of food, even as many children in the U.S. (one in five) live in homes with insecure food availability.

This was brought home sharply to me this week as my tomatoes finally went into overdrive and produced a sudden abundance. I gave away a lot, will dry some, but will still be challenged not to waste any.

Then on Sunday morning after the first KSU home game, Leo Schell, Bill and I kept the sabbath by dumpster diving for aluminum and edibles for our wild kingdom. Despite KSU’s efforts at recycling, we quickly had nearly 100 pounds of aluminum, four unopened beers(!), and a horrifying amount of often very expensive food. Much of it wasn’t perishable and could easily have been taken home in the containers that brought them to the game. We barely made a dent in what was potentially recoverable.

What else can be done? Whole Foods and Wal-Mart are starting to put less-than-perfect looking produce out at discount prices. Some restaurants are giving leftovers to charity-feeding centers.

Yet we are individually challenged to do more. One idea: Share and swap abundance. Continue to take advantage of super sales on potatoes, bananas and oranges, but give away the excess immediately so it isn’t wasted. Remember the old definition of eternity? Two people and a ham. A couple with 10 pounds of bargain potatoes is in equal distress. — *Linda Richter*

Share ideas for future Cobb columns with Linda Richter.

The Second Helping

Our Second Helping ministry continues to be a wonderful way in which our church extends its mission to the community of Manhattan. We regularly serve 25-35 people each week. Many of you have helped with this mission in a variety of ways, and that is much appreciated!



Currently we are hoping to add some more volunteers to our list of "regulars." We are particularly in need of individuals who would be willing to serve as Head Cook and Church Host. If you are interested in learning more about either of these positions, or volunteering in other ways, please contact Mary Ellen Barkley.

October 2, 2016

Dessert: Kerri Keller

Volunteers: Ann Gleason, Kathy Bleam, *3 volunteers needed*

Chief Cook: Andy Barkley

Church Host: Mary Ellen Barkley

October 9, 2016

Dessert: Mechelle Martinez

Volunteers: Manhattan Mennonite Church, Ann Gleason

Chief Cook: Bob Atchison

Church Host: *volunteer needed*

October 16, 2016

Dessert: *volunteer needed*

Volunteers: Kathy Bleam, *3 volunteers needed*

Chief Cook: Gretchen Lewis

Church Host: Jim Lewis

October 23, 2016

Dessert: *volunteer needed*

Volunteers: ESA Sorority

Chief Cook: *volunteer needed*

Church Host: *volunteer needed*

October 30, 2016

Dessert: *volunteer needed*

Volunteers: *4 volunteers needed*

Chief Cook: *volunteer needed*

Church Host: *volunteer needed*

**Volunteer by going to
uccmanhattan.org/sign-ups**

Worship & Volunteers

October 2, 2016

Greeters..... *volunteers needed*
Scripture Reader Julie Hunt
Communion Servers . Paul Hunt, Nate McClendon
Fellowship Hour *volunteer needed*
Flowers *volunteer needed*
Lawn Care *volunteer needed (Sep 29-Oct1)*

October 9, 2016

Greeters..... *volunteers needed*
Scripture Reader Rachel Whetstone
Fellowship Hour *volunteer needed*
Flowers *volunteer needed*
Lawn Care Rachel Martin (Oct 6-8)

October 16, 2016

Greeters..... *volunteers needed*
Scripture Reader *volunteer needed*
Fellowship Hour FCUCC Youth
Flowers *volunteer needed*
Lawn Care Rachel Martin (Oct 13-15)

October 23, 2016

Greeters..... *volunteers needed*
Scripture Reader Marilyn Mock
Fellowship Hour *volunteer needed*
Flowers *volunteer needed*
Lawn Care *volunteer needed (Oct 22-24)*

October 30, 2016

Greeters..... *volunteers needed*
Scripture Reader *volunteer needed*
Fellowship Hour *volunteer needed*
Flowers *volunteer needed*
Lawn Care *volunteer needed (Oct 27-29)*

Connect with us during the week!

Did you know our church has a vital presence on social media? We currently have over 350 people following our church's facebook page for updates about what's happening in our community. Follow us at [facebook.com/uccmanhattank](https://www.facebook.com/uccmanhattank). You can find the same content on Twitter @UCCManhattan.

Additionally, if you are a regular attender or member, you're invited to join our closed Facebook group - a place for dialogue and conversation with people you know. Search for "First Congregational UCC Members and Friends" or ask a friend who is in the group to add you.

We also send out updates every Friday with helpful information about what's coming up in our congregation. If you don't already receive those updates, please send your e-mail address to Sandy at office@uccmanhattan or visit uccmanhattan.org/newsletters to sign up.

Did you miss a sermon? Pastor Caela's sermon manuscripts are posted online each week by Monday on her personal sermon blog (revcaela.blogspot.com) or you can watch for them on our Facebook page. The audio of the sermon is also posted on our website at a later date once it's processed.

Mission Statement

The Mission of First Congregational United Church of Christ is

- To love and accept others unconditionally as God loves and accepts us, and by example, to encourage others to do the same.
- To challenge ourselves to grow spiritually through worship, education, nurture, reflection, discussion, fellowship, and outreach.
- To minister to others locally, nationally, and globally with the same fervor as we minister to ourselves, through the sharing of our talents, gifts, and resources.

We hold ourselves accountable before God for this mission

Community News

October Community Social Justice Events

Visit from the Asian Rural Institute - Monday, Oct. 10th at 7pm in our theater (upstairs)

Come learn more about ARI, sustainable agriculture, community building, and servant leadership from JB Hoover, Executive Director of American Friends of ARI and Rene Guilingen.

ARI training focuses on **sustainable agriculture** through integrated organic farming techniques, **community building**, and **servant leadership**. It is community based and hands-on learning is emphasized in all areas.

ARI's mission is to build an environmentally healthy, just and peaceful world in which each person can live to his or her fullest potential. ARI provides training for grassroots leaders in leadership, sustainable agriculture practices, and community development. Each year ARI invites 25 to 30 rural leaders of all ages, both men and women, from developing countries to its campus in northern Japan for a nine-month training program. Over the past 40 years, ARI has trained over 1300 rural leaders.

If you are unable to make it on Monday night, a similar presentation will be offered on Tuesday, Oct. 11 at 7pm in the Meadowlark Hills Community Room. If you have questions about ARI or this event, please see Bill Pallett.

Indigenous Peoples Day at K-State, Monday, Oct. 10th

Our Vitality Committee would like to encourage you to attend all or part of the Indigenous Peoples Day Conference at K-State. The free conference happens at the Staley School of Leadership Studies from 9am-4:30pm. Keynote speakers are Dr. Cornel Pewewardy (Comanche-Kiowa) and Dr. Jean Dennison (Osage). Our own Kerri Keller is also co-presenting a session. You can register online and see the full schedule at <http://www.k-state.edu/indigenous-alliance>. There are also evening "celebration" activities (free BBQ, handgame, round dance) from 5:30-7:30pm in the Leadership Studies Amphitheater.

**Lou Douglas Lecture: Anti-Racism Educator Tim Wise,
Tuesday, Oct. 11 at 7:00pm in the Union Grand Ballroom**

Our congregation will be one of the local organizations tabling at this event. The Vitality Committee welcomes your participation - handing our Black Lives Matter signs, talking to people in our community about the anti-racism works we do. If you'd like to participate in tabling, please contact Paulicia Williams or another member of Vitality.

The title of the lecture is "Combating Racism in the Post-Obama Era." Wise is among the most prominent antiracism writers and educators in the United States. He has spent the past 20 years speaking to audiences in all 50 states, on more 1,000 college and high school campuses, at hundreds of professional and academic conferences, and to community groups across the country. He is the author of seven books, including *Speaking Treason Fluently: Anti-Racist Reflections from an Angry White Male* and his most recent, *Under the Affluence: Shaming the Poor, Praising the Rich and Sacrificing the Future of America*.

**MAPJ Event: Presentation by Micah Kubic, Executive
Director of Kansas ACLU, Wed., Oct. 19th at 7:00pm**

Dr. Micah W. Kubic joined the ACLU of Kansas as its executive director in January 2015 with more than fifteen years of experience in civil liberties, civil rights, and racial justice issues. His lecture, "The Movement is Now: The Fight for Civil Rights and Voting Rights in Kansas" will be held in the Leadership Studies Town Meeting Room at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 19th. Dr. Kubic holds bachelor's degrees from the George Washington University, as well as a master's degree and a doctorate in Black Politics from Howard University. His first book, *Freedom, Inc. and the Fight for African American Empowerment*, was published by the University of Missouri Press in 2016.

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