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Lifting Up the Ministry of UPCaM

United Protestant Campus Ministries In Cleveland

Serving the Students of:
Case Western Reserve
Tri C Metro Campus
Cleveland State University

Representing the:
Church of the Brethren
American Baptist
United Church of Christ
Disciples of Christ/Christian
Episcopal
Presbyterian USA
and
United Methodist
Churches of Cleveland

Mission Statement:
A Christ centered ministry
which welcomes students in
an open and caring
community to connect, to
explore their faith, and to
impact the world.

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Laos**

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"Bites & Bids"
A new kind of
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UPCaM: WHERE WE'RE IMPACTING LIVES



We are well into rebuilding our campus ministry by developing community. Donna and our new intern, Katie Burkett, will be meeting with a number of to determine their hopes, dreams and desires for campus ministry – and to pray with them. Out of that conversation, weekly worship/ fellowship on Wednesday nights and a weekly leadership meeting will be offered. Our Thursday night and Coffeehouse, “Common Grounds”, reaches out to international graduate students giving them a place for fellowship and to practice English. We are active in the interfaith community as well!

We are in a partnership with Agape Ministry (Lutheran, Episcopal Campus Ministry) to offer weekly study and worship on Campus.



Our intern, Lynda Ervin, coordinates weekly Bible study and fellowship every Wednesday. The group is planning to do outreach through Cleveland’s City Mission, and working with at risk youth through local nursing homes and youth groups. We also have invited different Pastors and Ministers to come in and teach on various topics that pertain to everyday life.

TEACHING AND MODELING WAYS TO IMPACT LIVES

The Rev. Donna Hughes-Hargraves is the Executive Director of UPCAM, the Protestant “pastor” at CWRU and has been an ordained United Methodist minister for 18 years. She makes herself available to students for informal conversation, spiritual guidance, and as a listening ear when a student needs to talk with someone. Her contact information may be found on the front of this newsletter. In addition to her ministry on the campuses, Donna is available to supply preaching, mission presentations,



Donna

presentations on spiritual direction, on the emerging generation and how the church can reach this generation for Christ. She also leads retreats, speaks to women’s spirituality, conducts weddings, funerals and teaches on world religions. Being out in the community in any capacity brings to light UPCA’s mission and presence in Cleveland.



IMPACTING OUR INTERNS

Developing Leaders for the Future

Lynda Ervin, UPCaM intern at Tri-C Metro Campus: I am a mother of five children, and they are truly a blessing from God. I have a church home (Christian Fellowship Mission) where I faithfully attend and get involved by getting the Word out whenever God puts it on my heart to do so. God has blessed me with yet another chance to get things right for Him and with His help, guidance, love, peace of mind, and etc. I intend to make sure He is pleased with me by doing whatever it is He asks of me. I have been truly blessed by God to be a part of this Campus Ministry, and to have the ability He has given me to do the things that I can do. Campus Ministry is just another place where God's Word can continue to be put into the lives of those who are lost and need to find their way, and who are hurting and looking for comfort. Also, for those of us who are willing to tell others about the love of God with a right heart, mind, and Spirit, etc. When things begin to happen (when souls are being saved) it is God who shall receive full credit for what has taken place, because by God's grace and mercy God has raised Campus Ministries up for that reason, and we are God's chosen people to make sure it happens or we would not be here.



Katie Burkett, UPCaM Intern at Case Western Reserve: I am a junior chemical engineering major at Case Western Reserve University. I'm from Eaton, OH, and I enjoy running and cooking. I'm really excited about campus ministry at Case and I'm looking forward to UPCaM events this coming year.



Worship at CWRU

IMPACTING BOARD MEMBERS CURRENT AND FORMER

From UPCaM Board Member Brady Boccucci: When you give to UPCAM, you are helping students from all sorts of backgrounds. Students from as near as Rocky River, and as far away as from China or India who attend our International Coffee House to practice their English all come to and benefit from UPCAM events. UPCAM is one of the few Christian groups on campus that accept students of all walks of life, regardless of background or life path. UPCAM is there for students.

IMPACTING STUDENTS CURRENT AND FORMER



From an Active Member of UPCaM and Former Student: Matthew Pedone When I first came to CWRU, I was not plugged in to any religious/Christian organizations on campus. Other Christian organizations that I found did not fit my style or belief system, either because they were too polarizing or too aggressive. Since I was not at home with my parents, I was not attending church regularly. All of this took a toll on my spiritual life and I felt lost at times. A few of my friends continually encouraged me to attend UPCaM's weekly worship services. I was a little hesitant for the first few months because I was afraid they would be just like the other campus groups. One day I finally swallowed my fears and I was hooked. Between the uplifting worship music, Donna's beautiful and relate-able sermon/message, and the new people I was meeting, I decided that UPCaM was definitely the place for me.

After a few conversations with Donna, I decided to become a part of the student leadership team. While I had been a part of other campus groups and have held various leadership roles, UPCaM really played a big part in developing my leadership skills. One thing that I learned while working with the UPCaM student leadership team is how to deal with opposition and adversity. During my time with other campus groups, many people embraced our mission and goals which made holding a leadership role relatively easy; UPCaM was a little different in that people who were not identifying as Christian did not know if UPCaM was

something they wanted to support. We worked very hard to show other students, campus groups, and university administrators that UPCaM is different from other organizations on campus that represent Christianity. UPCaM is accepting, welcoming, caring, compassionate, and most importantly, does not judge those around us. UPCaM's student leadership team tried to branch out into areas of campus that other Christian groups traditionally stayed away from. For example, we had a booth at the university Halloween festival, we had a meal with the LGBT center to discuss how we could partner with and be a resource to them in the future, and we created a group study that discussed science and faith and how the two are not mutually exclusive. Becoming a part of the UPCaM student leadership team was not only a formative experience for me and my skills, but for the group and the campus as a whole. We were able to show everyone and continue to show everyone that being a Christian does not mean being part of an exclusive group of people who only seeks to serve themselves.

From Deanna P.: For me UPCaM is a place to connect with other people of faith and grow in my own walk with God, many of my closest friends are people that I met at UPCaM and it made the transition to college easier. It provided a spiritual home.

From Katie: What I like about UPCaM is the worship, friends and fellowship, a break from schoolwork to focus on what is more important to me, the community service they do for so many different groups, the tutoring programs they participate in, and also the

different mission trips that UPCaM take a couple times a year.

From Deanna D: UPCaM for me is a group I can come to whenever, with whatever is going on in my life and know I'm loved and accepted. I can come to worship in the middle of a horrible week and come out refreshed and reminded of God's love ready for the rest of the week.



**Making Mission Trips Possible
"Bites and Bids"
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We are on the cutting edge of faith development. We grow and nurture spiritual leaders for the campus, the church, and the world. You can contribute to this mission field by your donation.

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2011 Auction

Whether volunteering your time and/or expertise, providing funding for activities or scholarships, or joining us in November for the 2011 UPCaM “Bites and Bids” a new kind of Auction, you will be showing your support for the development of the spiritual leaders of today and tomorrow through the ministry of UPCaM!

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