

Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council



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*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful,
committed citizens can change the world.
Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.*

Margaret Mead





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About the Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council

Our Mission

The Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council works to facilitate regular interfaith meetings in order to make way for the building of bonds within the interfaith community.

We respect and encourage the inclusion and welcoming of others regardless of faith, race or disability. We strive to be proactive on social issues.

Our Goals

- To grow the network of faith-based organizations in Union County.
- To encourage representatives from all faiths to join the Interfaith Coordinated Council including those of Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, Islamic, and other faiths.
- To be engaged in:
 1. **Community Building** within faith-based organizations and the general Union County population.
 2. The advancement of **Social Justice**.
 3. The intentional **inclusion** of others regardless of gender, faith, race.
- To be active in activities that are inclusive and community building.

Our Objectives

- Sponsor regular engagement opportunities that facilitate the building of bonds within the Union County interfaith community and their congregations.
- Strengthen the Union County religious congregations through involvement, action and education in self-help.
- Build working relationships between Union County religious organizations and Community Access Unlimited that create opportunities for youth and people with disabilities and their support staff.

Potential Advantages to Joining the Interfaith Community

- Develop interfaith solidarity.
- Avail yourself of increased visibility within the interfaith community and build opportunities to share educational and community events with the group.
- Build religious membership.
- Gain exposure for you and fellow congregation members to educational opportunities regarding entitlements, housing, and other services, including but not limited to: programs for seniors, youth, people with physical and developmental disabilities, etc..
- Create full and part time employment opportunities for congregation members with CAU.

guest message

**By: Reverend Norman Miles
Trinity Temple Seventh Day Adventist Church**



Two days ago, my wife and I were going into a local store, and as we parked near the entrance the first thing we noticed was a gentleman with the traditional Salvation Army red kettle, ringing a bell. For as long as I can remember the Salvation Army has been in full force during the holiday season asking busy shoppers to contribute something to help make the holidays a little happier for those who are in significant need. The Salvation Army and many other service organizations make a special effort to solicit funds from the public during the holiday season between Thanksgiving and New Years Day. Their experience and social research all indicate that people are more likely to contribute to helping organizations during the holiday season than at any other time of the year. In some cases, as much as 70% of the public contributions come in during this time. Unfortunately, in the past few years holiday contributions have declined.

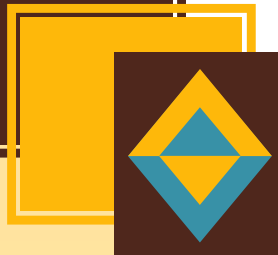
Part of the decline is easily traced to the way people use money. As we got out of the car my wife reached into her purse for a dollar to put into the Salvation Army kettle and I reached in my pocket and then my wallet to get my contribution and found no cash at all. Increasing numbers of people like me are simply not carrying cash with them when they go shopping. They use debit or credit cards and may not even have a quarter for a cash contribution. Moreover, despite a growing economy, many companies are decreasing their charitable contributions and matching funds for employee contributions to charities, in an effort to increase profitability and a greater dividend for the investors.

During this time of growing need and limited resources to help the disadvantaged, there are some things we need to keep in mind.

1. The helping organizations are urgently soliciting funds because this is the time when the public mood for giving is at its highest. However, they do their work without notice or acclaim all year long. It is great to give during the holiday season, but it is better to contribute to them on a consistent basis throughout the year.
2. The holiday season and the winter months that follow are critical times for people in need. For some people having a warm coat or a pair of gloves or boots during the winter months is literally a life and death issue. More people suffer from malnutrition and exposure to cold than is commonly known. This is a national travesty and we must do more to help the most vulnerable in our society.
3. Every little bit we give to helping organizations makes a difference. Whether your organization of choice is a religious charity, church or synagogue group, a local food pantry, a clinic for the uninsured, or any other helping agency, your contribution is critical. The safety net provided by the government, has gaping holes, and many are without the basic necessities of life. These groups provide vital services, and though they are limited in their scope and ability, they do make a significant difference for those they serve.

Please give whatever you can to your favorite charity this season and throughout the year. Your group may not be able to help everyone, but it will help someone. Your little bit is mighty because it is a seed to improve our society and we cannot know its true impact. Anyone can count the number of seeds in an apple, but no one can count the number of apples in a seed.

St. Joseph Social Service Center



By: Bernadette Murphy, Executive Director— St. Joseph Social Service Center



Client K. with sandwiches

St. Joseph Social Service Center is a place where our poor and homeless brothers and sisters are welcomed with dignity and compassion. It is a community where we learn from one another that if one “has less” it doesn’t mean they “are less.” If one “has more” it doesn’t mean they “are more.” We embrace and celebrate our common humanity. We are thankful for the gifts that everyone brings and for each other.

Our mission is to help the poor and homeless acquire the materials goods and services they need to live with integrity. Hundreds of volunteers and a very small staff work together to serve over 2,500 individuals each month. One of our most crucial services is the food program.

Anyone who is hungry can come to St. Joseph’s and whatever we have, we share. We are thankful for the many individuals and groups who donate, deliver, and distribute sandwiches and other food on a daily basis. We are grateful for the churches and temples that run the Saturday soup kitchen. We once received a letter of gratitude from a parent who said that the sandwiches from St. Joseph’s kept her son alive while he was fighting his drug addiction. A current client walks 15 minutes to the center each day to get sandwiches before he goes to work. He tells us that those help him save money to pay his rent. Our appreciation for the hundreds of people that volunteer in this important ministry is immense. From the store shelf to the hands of someone who is hungry, every sandwich, and every compassionate person that participates in its journey through our beloved community, fills us with hope.

That a single sandwich can bring so much hope brings to mind a prayer written in honor of Saint Oscar Romero. It speaks about not being able to do everything, planting and watering the seeds that will one day grow, and ends with “We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders; ministers; not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own.” We may not solve the problems of poverty and hunger with a few sandwiches, but it’s a start.

We couldn’t do what we do without the tremendous love and compassion of our volunteers, community partners, donors, and clients. We ask for your continued support to help us provide Thanksgiving meals to 700 families. Each bag costs nearly \$30, including overhead expenses. Please visit our website at www.sjeliz.org to donate food or funds! Thank you for helping us move forward...with gratitude.

Ray and Jerry, Volunteer Food Program Coordinators pictured below



Volunteers



Mighty Nancy Mahoney with Family Promise at St. Michael Church

By Cindy Hannen
Chair, Interfaith Human Relations Committee



Five years ago, Nancy Mahoney started a chapter of “Family Promise” at her parish, St. Michael Church in Cranford. Family Promise is an organization that provides temporary housing and assistance to families who have found themselves without a place to live. Sometimes this is due to a catastrophic illness or death in the family, loss of employment for the primary wage earner, or some other instance where housing becomes unaffordable. Families rotate through Houses of Worship-one week stay at a time-and are provided comfortable sleeping arrangements, meals, rides to and from jobs, school, and the Day Center in Elizabeth. Children are provided with homework assistance.

Nancy doesn't just coordinate this program, she lives it. At times, when a stay falls over a Holiday, Nancy and her husband Kevin take the families to a restaurant for dinner. Easter baskets and Christmas presents arrive on time. She puts out the call to her group of women and ask for money or gift cards to provide new shoes for the children. She makes a contact with Kathy Willis from Cranford Family Care and procures new backpacks and their contents at the beginning of school.

When we make up the beds before the families arrive, she says to be sure the sheets are matching in each family's room. She wants us to use glass plates, not paper. This is about respecting these families. She tries to think of every detail, to make them feel comfortable and loved.

Now that some of our families have gained their independence from the program, Nancy held a meeting to brainstorm about how we can continue to support these women and their children, as they strive to be successful on their own. Nancy will find them rides to job interviews, doctor appointments, grocery shopping. She opened a Sing Up Genius to the Family Promise volunteers to collect new kitchen and bath items to help the women begin their new life of independence. She helps them through Family Promise, to procure a car if needed.

I have profound respect for Nancy, and am proud to know her, and to work with her in helping women and children in need in Union County.

I am also proud to be a member of St. Michael Church, Cranford. Good things are happening there under the supervision of Msgr. Tim Shugrue. When the Family Promise needs something, Msgr. Tim asks how much and when. He is willing to help out and ask the parishioners to do the same. He is a true Interfaith Pastor. He participates and/or leads Interfaith services supported by the Cranford Clergy Council.



Union County Fights Back Against the Opioid Crisis:

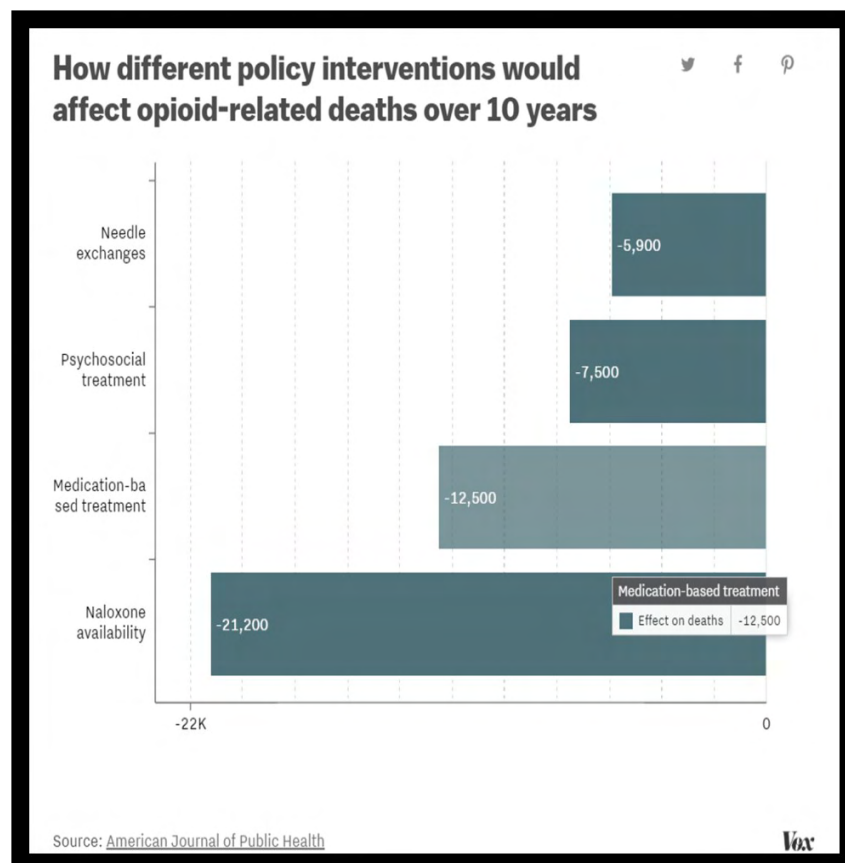
Free Union County Narcan Trainings for the 2019 Winter Season

Provided By: Sean Fowley, LSW—Prevention Links

Union County is in the midst of an opioid crisis. According to the latest data by the Union County Prosecutor's Office, there have been 267 overdoses and 79 overdose fatalities in Union County. These high numbers of overdoses and fatalities are why establishing narcan trainings and providing kits to Union County community members is so vital and important.

The effectiveness of providing narcan trainings and distribution of narcan kits is shown evident by research published in August of 2018, by the Journal of Public Health, which details how narcan is the most significant intervention to reduce fatalities from opioid abuse.* Simply put, being trained and having access to narcan will save the lives of many Union County residents. This is why it is so important to provide trainings throughout Union County for our community members.

Narcan deployments and overdose fatalities substantially increase during the winter seasons. We are not sure why these events occur, but data from the Union County Prosecutor's Office shows a correlation between overdoses and the winter season. Due to these events, The Union County Opioid Task Force and Prevention Links have decided to come up with a strategy to reduce the fatalities caused by the opioid epidemic in Union County, which is to provide free Narcan kits & trainings to as many community members in Union County for the winter months of 2019. This approach will allow save the lives of our loved ones, friends, neighbors and community members. Union County is ready to fight back against this crisis.



UNION COUNTY FIGHTS BACK AGAINST THE OPIOID CRISIS:

NARGAN TRAININGS TO SAVE LIVES 2019 Winter Trainings

- Dec. 4th- Rahway Recreation Center- 275 E. Milton Ave., Rahway**
Jan 8th- Summit Oaks-19 Prospect St, Summit
Jan 17th- Cranford Community Center-220 Walnut Ave., Cranford
Jan 29th-Connecticut Farms Church- 888 Stuyvesant Ave, Union
Feb.1st- St. Joseph's Social Service Center- 118 Division St. Elizabeth
Feb 7th- Prevention Links- 121 Chestnut St., Roselle
Feb. 12th- Rahway Recreation Center- 275 E Milton Ave, Rahway,
Feb 19th.- Organization For Recovery- 519 North Ave, Plainfield
Feb. 21st- RWJ Fitness & Wellness Center -2120 Lamberts Mill Rd, Scotch Plains
Feb. 26th- Connecticut Farms Church- 888 Stuyvesant Ave. Union
March 1st- St. Joseph's Social Service Center- 118 Division St. Elizabeth
March 7th- Prevention Links- 121 Chestnut St. Roselle
March 12th- Summit Oaks- 19 Prospect St. Summit.
March 14th- Rahway Recreation Center- 275 E. Milton Ave. Rahway
Mar. 21st- RWJ Fitness & Wellness Center-2120 Lamberts Mill Rd, Scotch Plains
March 27th- Springfield Township- *Location in Progress *

**ALL TRAININGS ARE FREE AND THE FIRST 25 PEOPLE TO ARRIVE WILL
RECEIVE A FREE NARGAN KIT!
TRAININGS BEGIN AT 6:00PM !**

(11AM for Feb. 1st & March 1st training)

**NO REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY. ALL ARE WELCOMED TO ATTEND.
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS FEEL FREE TO CONTACT
SEAN FOLEY AT**

SFOLEY@PREVENTIONLINKS.ORG



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Faith in Action



PICTURED

- Scotch-Plains Fanwood Miinisterium Thanksgiving Service
- Cranford Thanksgiving Service



Religious Services at CAU

Did you know that the CAU community is exploring religion and having worship in a unique and innovative way?



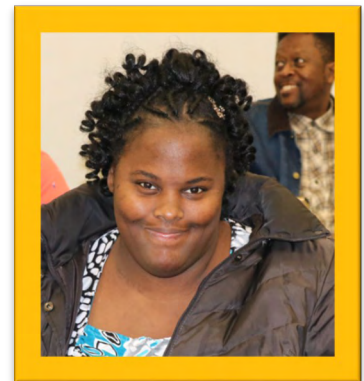
UCICC member, Reverend Aleyah Lacey of Mount Teman A.M. E. Church on Saturdays gathers members of CAU's (Community Access Unlimited) DD Community and TOP youth to explore faith and worship. You are invited to share your faith and talents at these interfaith services. Services are held on Saturdays at 11am and 1pm and are for an hour long. If you have a positive inspirational message, would like to provide worship, and have a willing heart to serve please consider being a blessing at these interfaith services.

Rev. Aleyah Lacey pictured left

Our objectives are:

1. To provide a safe space for our members to worship God
2. To foster spiritual growth through the diverse understandings of God
3. To build up the community in faith, hope, and love

If you would like to volunteer in this amazing ministerial opportunity or find out more, please contact Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council at UCInterfaith@caunj.org



HOMELESS SABBATH DECEMBER 14-16, 2018



Third Annual Homeless Sabbath Weekend

As many of you prepare for the upcoming holiday celebration in your home and congregations, please remember the many individuals, families, and children who do not have a

home for the holidays or throughout the year.

Please give them a voice, hear them, and help them.

How Many of our Neighbors are Homeless in Union County?

On January 23, 2018, NJCounts conducted a “snapshot” of homelessness on that one night.

- 283 households (459 people) were homeless on that night
- 41 households (41) people were unsheltered, on the street
- There was a decrease in family homelessness from 2017, by 3%
- Primary factors for cause of homelessness:
 - Asked to leave shared residence 29.6%
 - Eviction 19.5%
 - Loss or reduction of job/income 12.5%

Homelessness Can Happen to Anyone

“I’m educated. I look just like you. I walk and talk well. But I don’t have a roof. And I don’t have my own key” said one of our homeless neighbors.

She became homeless when her rent became unaffordable. Her story illustrates how one crisis can cause someone’s life to spiral into homelessness.

HOMELESS SABBATH DECEMBER 14-16, 2018

What can I do to help my homeless Neighbors?

1. **Donate** – Union County has a full continuum of services for the homeless provided by non-profits. Even a small contribution can help their clients find a place to call home;
2. **Volunteer** – all the non-profits need volunteers to help in their work to end homelessness. Every age, skill and talent is needed;
3. **Participate in Homeless Persons Memorial Day Vigil** – attend the vigil and help remember our neighbors who died due to lack of housing and supportive services;
4. **Engage** – talk to your family, your neighbors, your co-workers and elected officials about homelessness in Union County and how we need to work together to end homelessness. To achieve that goal, we need to change the conversation and focus on the needs of our neighbors; and
5. **Form a homeless ministry** - Begin discussions that focus on what more your congregation can do to end homelessness.

Homeless Persons' Vigil

Tragically, some of our most vulnerable neighbors die on the streets each year. On December 20, at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 1430 Park Avenue, Plainfield at 7 PM, a vigil will be held for those who have died in the last year.

We remember them on the day with the least amount of daylight and the longest night because it symbolizes the struggle of those who are homeless, and who often live out their lives on cold streets or in dangerous abandoned buildings.

As people of faith we are all called to serve the poor, the homeless, the sick, the hungry...

Remind us, O God, that we cannot rest fully secure in our homes each night until all your children have a place to call home.

*Third Annual Union County Homeless Sabbath
Dec. 14-16, 2018 in Your House of Worship
Homeless Persons' Memorial Day Vigil
Dec. 20, 7 pm St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 1430
Park Avenue, Plainfield.*



"We are all called to serve the poor, the homeless, the sick, the hungry."

Join us for a Sabbath Weekend in praying for the homeless and discussing our call to effect change.

Materials for your House of Worship are available.

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For More Information:

Web: <https://monarchhousing.org/homeless-sabbath/>

Email: Sabbath2018@monarchhousing.org

Social Media Hashtag: [#HomelessSabbathNJ](https://twitter.com/HomelessSabbathNJ)

Or call Claire at: (908) 272-5363 x 234

Union County Homeless Services Resource Information

Prevention Services & Rapid Re-Housing (rent/mortgage/security/utility assistance):

- ❖ *Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark*- 505 South Ave East, Cranford, NJ 07016, (908)497-3900, M-F 9-4:30pm
- ❖ *Elizabeth Coalition*- 118 Division Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07201, (908)355-2060 x 0, M/T/Th/F 9-12 and 1-5pm W 1-5pm
- ❖ *Plainfield Action Services*- 510 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, NJ 07060, (908)753-3519, M-F 9-5 pm
- ❖ *PROCEED, Inc.* – 1126 Dickinson Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07201, (908)351-7727, M-F 8:30-4:30pm
- ❖ *Salvation Army/Elizabeth*- 1018 E. Grand Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07201, (908)352-2886, Open 24 hours/7 days
- ❖ *Urban League of Union County*- 288 North Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07208, (908)351-7200, M-F 9-5 pm
- ❖ *Family Promise*- 402 Union Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ 07208, (908)289-7300, M-F 9-5 pm

Emergency Shelters

- ❖ *Elizabeth Coalition*- 118 Division Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07201, ((908)355-2060 x 0, M/T/Th/F 9-12 and 1-5pm W 1-5pm
- ❖ *Family Promise*- 402 Union Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ 07208, (908)289-7300, M-F 9-5 pm
- ❖ *FISH Hospitality Program, Inc.*- P.O. Box 5440, Plainfield, NJ 07061, (908)968-5857, M-F 9-5 pm
- ❖ *Plainfield Area YMCA*- 518 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, NJ 07060, (908)756-6060, Open 24 hours/7 days
- ❖ *YMCA of Eastern Union County*- 135 Madison Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ 07201, (908)355-9622, Open 24 hours/ 7 days
- ❖ *YWCA of Eastern Union County*- 1131 East Jersey Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07201, (908)355-1500, M-F 9-5 pm

Transitional Housing

- ❖ *Community Access Unlimited*- 80 West Grand Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07202, (908)354-3040, M-F 9-5 pm
- ❖ *Elizabeth Coalition*- 118 Division Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07201, (908)355-2060 x 0, M/T/Th/F 9-12 and 1-5 W 1-5pm
- ❖ *Flynn Christian Fellowship of New Jersey*- 1089-1091 East Jersey Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07201, (908)351-2265, M-F 6-6 pm
- ❖ *Homefirst, Inc.*- 905 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, NJ 07060, (908)753-4001, M-F 9-5 pm
- ❖ *PROCEED, Inc.*- 1126 Dickinson Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07201, (908)351-7727, M-F 8:30-4:30 pm
- ❖ *Raphael's Life House*- 231 Court Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07206, (908)354-4750, M-F 9-5 pm
- ❖ *YMCA of Eastern Union County*- 135 Madison Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ 07201, (908)355-9622, Open 24 hours/7 days

Permanent and Supportive Housing

- ❖ *Bridgeway, Inc.* – 265 West Grand Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07202, (908)355-2060 x 0, M-F 9-4:30 pm
- ❖ *Community Access Unlimited*- 80 West Grand Street, Elizabeth, NJ, (908)354-3040, M-F 9-5 pm
- ❖ *Elizabeth Coalition*- 118 Division Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07201, (908)353-4006, M/T/Th/F 9-12 and 1-5 W 1-5pm
- ❖ *Faith, Bricks, & Mortar, Inc.*- 164 East Front Street (Rear), Plainfield, NJ 07060, (908)756-5774, M-F 8:30-4:30 pm
- ❖ *Greater Plainfield Habitat for Humanity*- 315 West 7th Street, Plainfield, NJ 07060, (908)769-5292, M-F 10-1
- ❖ *Homefirst, Inc.*- 905 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, NJ 07060, (908)753-4001, M-F 9-5 pm
- ❖ *Plainfield Area YMCA*- 518 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, NJ 07060, (908)756-6060, Open 24 hours/7 days
- ❖ *Volunteers of America*- 205 West Milton Avenue, Rahway, NJ, (732)827-2444, M-F 9-5 pm
- ❖ *YMCA of Eastern Union County*- 135 Madison Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ 07201, (908)355-9622, Open 24 hours/ 7 days
- ❖ *YWCA of Eastern Union County*- 1131 East Jersey Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07201, (908)355-1500, M-F 9-5 pm

Food Assistance

- ❖ *American Red Cross*- 121 Elm Street, Westfield, NJ 07090, (908)232-7090, M-F 9-5 pm
- ❖ *Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark*- 505 South Ave East, Cranford, NJ 07016, (908)497-3900, M-F 9-4:30pm
- ❖ *El Centro Hispanoamericano*- 525 East Front Street, Plainfield, NJ 07060, (908)753-8730, T/Th 10-6 W 12-7 S 10-2
- ❖ *Elizabethport Presbyterian Center*- 200 Second Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07206, (908)659-2184, M-F 9-5 pm
- ❖ *Jefferson Park Ministries*- 477 Madison Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ 07201 (908)469-9508, M-Th 9-5 pm F 9-4 pm
- ❖ *First Baptist Church of Cranford/Elizabeth*-402 Union Ave, Elizabeth, NJ 07208,(908)352-0519, 2nd & 3rd Th 4-7pm 4th Th 10-1 pm
- ❖ *Liberty Baptist Church*- 515-517 Court Street, Elizabeth, NJ (908)354-3362, M 10-12 pm
- ❖ *Salvation Army/Elizabeth*- 1005 East Jersey Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07201, (908)352-7057, M-F 9-5 pm
- ❖ *Saint Mary of the Assumption*- 155 Washington Ave, Elizabeth, NJ (enter church basement), (908)352-5154, Last Tuesdays of the month

We are all called to serve the poor, the homeless, the sick, the hungry...

Information/Documents Online at: <http://wp.me/PegFK-8HO> * Social Media Hashtag: [#HomelessSabbathNJ](https://twitter.com/HomelessSabbathNJ)



JOIN OUR TEAM!

Community Access Unlimited welcomes those with a big heart! Due to our continuing expansion, there are a number of *full time* and *part time* openings for those interested in guiding people with disabilities and youth at risk who are on the road to independence.

For those looking for part-time positions, CAU offers available house on the weekends and overnights! Minimum requirements are:

- Valid driver's license
- Access to vehicle daily to use for work purpose
- Original High School Diploma/GED/College Degree

Experience working with individuals with developmental disabilities and/or youth at risk are a plus! Of course compassion for the work and a flexible schedule is also required when providing support to our members.

Working at CAU is not just a job but a career! We offer promotional opportunities for employees, competitive salaries and a comprehensive benefits package to full time employees!

Please take the time to visit our agency website www.caunj.org for more information and current listings. openings. Community Access Unlimited is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

CAU Hosts a weekly Open House Mondays from 4 PM -6 PM

80 West Grand Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07202

Don't forget your resume and come prepared to fill out an application

To make an appointment, please call an HR representative at (908) 354-3040 ext 4203. If you are unable to attend the open house, please fax resume to (908) 354-0283 or email to rwright@caunj.org.

UCICC –CAU COMMUNITY HELP LINE

**DO YOU NEED HELP WITH FOOD? HOME HEALTH OR PERSONAL CARE
HOME AND PROPERTY CARE
DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO DOES?**

Call CAU's Information and Referral Office at **908-354-3040 [X 4272]** for answers and resources.

CAU's community service mission includes providing direct services to people in need as well as information on how to locate services provided by other agencies.

This month we highlight **one of CAU services available to qualified recipients** in our Union County communities.

1] **Free home delivered meals** [6 week program; one meal per person per day] for Union County residents who are US citizens and their families who need food and who are:

*Age 59 or younger [head of household]; *Living in low income households;

* Unable to access adequate food for themselves and their families.

* Documents and interview are required to qualify.

Contact Gene Tavera X 4272.

UCICC Outreach Coordinating Team



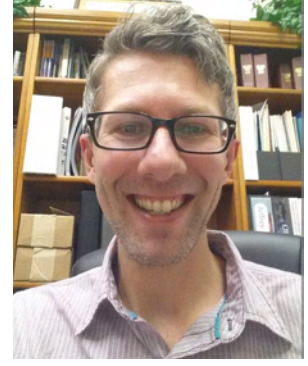
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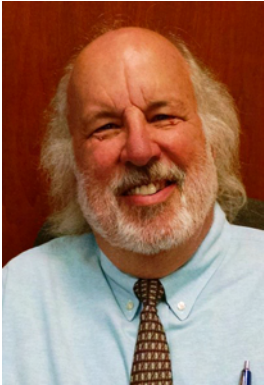
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Join & Be Active Today!

- Attend monthly meetings.
- Invite other community leaders to attend our meetings and events.
- Support or host fundraising programs to support the Record Expungement Grant Program.
- Sign up for our mailing list.
- Share useful information about your organization.

Contact Rod Spearman at
908-354-3040 x 4324
for more information on becoming
a member

Advertise in the UCICC Newsletter!

Have an exciting event or program happening?

Reach out and build bonds with members of the interfaith community in Union County by advertising in this newsletter!

Please send all print-ready ads to Rod Spearman at rspearman@caunj.org by the **13th** of every month to save a space!



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UCICC & STEERING COMMITTEE UP-COMING EVENTS

UCICC Steering Committee

December 6, 2018 at 10am
80 W. Grand Street
Elizabeth, NJ 07202
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Homeless Person's Memorial Day Vigil

December 20, 2018 at 7pm
St. Mark's Episcopal Church
1430 Park Avenue
Plainfield, NJ

UCICC Steering Committee

January 3, 2019 at 10:00am
80 W Grand St
Elizabeth NJ 07202
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Embodying MLK: A Community Organizing Event

Date: January 24, 2018
Time: 6pm-9pm
Location: TBD

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UCICC Steering Committee

February 7, 2019 at 10:00am
80 W Grand St
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UCICC EVENT TBD



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