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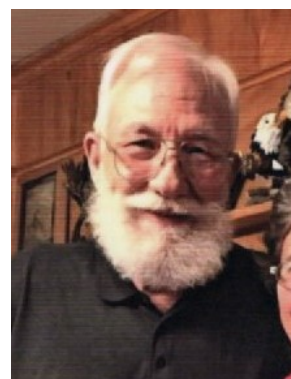
Joanna Lance died January 17, 2024. Rev. Joanna graduated from Defiance College with a Christian Education Degree and graduated with a Master's of Divinity from Bangor Theological Seminary in 1994. She was pastor at several UCC congregations, including St. John's UCC in Glenmont and Coshocton. Joanna was a faithful servant on several Association committees and helped organized the Glenmont food pantry. She was honored with the Citizen of the Year award in Apple Creek and again in Glenmont. She grew up around horses and loved all animals. She loved to cook, can and freeze food. Joanna enjoyed traveling and visiting with family and friends. Joanna is survived by her husband of 52 years, Larry, her adopted daughter, Lori Schneider, grandchildren Tara and Tyler Schneider; and adopted daughter, Kim.

Glenn Swope died February 11, 2024. Glenn was ordained in 1962 and served many UCC churches in Maine and Ohio, including Bethel (Beloit) and St. John's (Massillon). He was also dedicated to outdoor ministries, directing camps and faithfully serving in the Heartland Conference. After retirement, he and his beloved wife Carole worked in various arts capacities in and around the Sarasota area in Florida, including serving as directors of the Arts Council of Manatee County. For thirty years, they also wrote theatre and art reviews for the Lewiston Sun Journal (Maine), The Bradenton Herald, and the West Coast Woman (Florida). He is survived by Carole, their 5 children, 14 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.



Susan Blaine died March 7, 2024. Sue grew up in East Providence, RI. Sue graduated from St. Mary Academy - Bay View; Trinity College, Washington, DC, (BA, Phi Beta Kappa, Magna Cum Laude) After college, Sue joined the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, where she spent 11 years, primarily as a community organizer in Baltimore. Sue was a beloved servant-leader in New York, Maine and Rhode Island, working as worship leader, preacher and teacher. She was ordained in 2007 after studying at Union Theological Seminary. Sue then served as Minister for Worship and Gospel Arts at the National Setting.

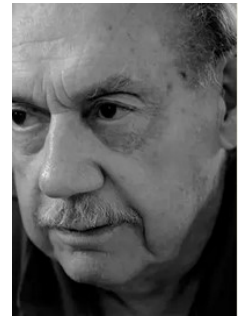
Norman Slack died April 25, 2024. Ordained in 2001, Norm was a dedicated teacher and pastor for many years prior. He offered Sunday School at First Congregational Church in Tallmadge and Vacation Bible School at St. Peter's UCC in Clinton, OH. He spent countless hours volunteering, including the Bread and Egg Ministry at First Federated Church of North Jackson, OH. He is pre-deceased by his wife Linda Slack, father Charles Slack and mother Dorothy Slack. He is survived by his daughter Amy Underwood, son Steven Slack, and daughter Nancy Hanna, Sister and brother-in-law Pamela and Bryson Miles, step-son Aaron Westover, and step-daughter Wendy Westover. Norman was blessed with many grandchildren and great grandchildren.





Donald Schumaker died May 20, 2024. Don graduated from Heidelberg College in 1956 and Mission House Theological Seminary in Sheboygan, WI in 1959. He served many UCC churches, including Emmanuel UCC in Valley City, Suffield UCC, Grace UCC in Massillon, and St. John UCC in Bolivar. He was also a longtime counselor and director at Tempel Hills Camp. While raising two young children, Don and his beloved wife of nearly 66 years, Betty, fostered babies for ten years. He enjoyed volunteering with the Suffield fire department and spent many Friday nights officiating Ohio high school football games. Don enjoyed camping, which provided many great memories for his children and grandchildren.

John Rinehart died May 26, 2024. John graduated from Heidelberg College in 1960 and United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities in 1963. He was ordained in 1964 and awarded his Doctorate in Social Justice Ministry in 2021 at the age of 83, the culmination of his life's work. A deeply compassionate man whose generosity of love and time knew no boundaries, John chose the ministry to channel his devotion to the rights and well being of all others. His faith in the potential of humanity carried through every era and to every community in which he lived. John continued his mission as the appointed Minister of Justice for the Dover Congregational UCC.



Allison Phillips died September 9, 2024. Al grew up in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, then began his pursuit of higher education at Virginia Union University with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology. He later earned two master's degrees—Master of Divinity in 1967 and Master of Sacred Theology in 1975. His final degree, a Doctor of Ministry, was conferred upon him in 1981 by the New York Theological Seminary. For 23 years, Dr. Phillips served as a local church pastor, shepherding the Congregational Church of North New York UCC in the Bronx (1971–1982) and Mt. Zion Congregational UCC in Cleveland (1982–1994). He was steeped in the love and traditions of congregationalism, subsequently earning the honorary title of Pastor Emeritus from Mt. Zion. He retired from the ministry after 30+ years.

Dennis Fredriksen died September 16, 2024. Ordained into the United Church of Christ in 1969, Dennis served as pastor of churches in Pennsylvania and Ohio. After his retirement in 2005 from First Congregational UCC in Elyria, Dennis became a volunteer and later employee as an educational interpreter at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, where he worked until 2018. Dennis loved to travel and was passionate about many hobbies, especially golf, fly-fishing, skiing, and running. Dennis is survived by his wife, Diana; 4 children, 2 grandchildren, sister, Dawn Schmidt, and extended family and friends.

