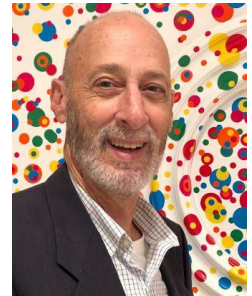


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Phil Kunz died December 10, 2024. Phil studied Philosophy at the University of Wisconsin, receiving his Bachelor's degree in 1960, followed an MDiv from Andover-Newton Seminary in 1963. He was Ordained into Christian Ministry in 1963 and continued studying pastoral psychology at Princeton Seminary from 1964-1968. Throughout his many years in ministry, Rev. Kunz served churches in both settled and interim pastorates in Indiana, Nebraska, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Ohio, including First UCC in North Ridgeville, St. John's UCC in Lorain and First Congregational Church in Wellington. He served on the New Jersey Council of Churches, and always committed to service in the Conferences and Associations where he held standing.

Mark Simone died January 31, 2025. Mark studied Sociology and Psychology at Kent State University, graduating Cum Laude in 1988. He went on to Ashland Theological Seminary, graduating in 1993 with two Masters in Pastoral Psychology and Counseling. Mark served at Federated Church in Chagrin Falls as Associate Minister for Youth and Specialized Ministries from 1996 to 2021 and First Congregational Church of Ravenna in various pastoral roles from 1979-1996 and 2023 until his passing. Known for his irrepressible sense of humor, love of music, and love for adventure, Mark lived a life of service and compassion, truly and completely. He authored several books, exhibited his photography, worked on multiple documentary films, was inducted into the Ravenna High School Hall of Fame, spoke internationally about ministering to youth, and officiated weddings and funerals for hundreds.



Chris Nichols died March 7, 2025. Chris studied Science Education at Baldwin Wallace College, earning his BSE and BA in 1975, where he also met his beloved, Kathy. He later studied at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary to earn his pastoral degree. Chris was ordained in the United Church of Christ in 1986 and earned his Doctorate of Theology from Eden Seminary. Chris served many congregations for over 40 years in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and Ohio. Even in retirement, Chris was a servant of God as an interim and bridge pastor in northeast Ohio. He also took up baking and preserving. Chris was a lover of the arts and especially enjoyed photography and printmaking. Chris tirelessly researched family histories, collecting family photographs and expanding genealogies. He was a kind and gentle man of God, loving father, grandfather and uncle, caring friend, and trusted confidant of many.

Cliff Price died August 10, 2025. Dr. Price served numerous churches in Northeast Ohio, including Fairport Harbor, Andover, New Lyme, Massillon, Canton and Navarre over the last 40 years. As a minister, Pastor Cliff served on the Red Cross Board; on the founding board of Canton Habitat for Humanity; was a delegate to General Synod; led area clergy groups; served on the Evangelism and Spiritual Life Committee; was spiritual director of numerous East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus Retreats and Koinonia Retreats, as well as Kairos Prison Ministry Retreats. Cliff was a faithful minister of the gospel, a loving husband and a devoted father and grandfather. He enjoyed gardening, model railroading, collecting historical memorabilia and loved long walks on the beach with his wife.



Jill Lovett died October 6, 2025. A 1979 graduate of Dover High School, Jill went on to attend The Ohio State University. Her life's calling led her to serve as Pastor at the First United Church of Christ in New Philadelphia, where she ministered for many years with compassion and commitment. Her most cherished contributions were the church youth group and hosting Thursday Lunches at the church—welcoming all from the community with a warm meal and even warmer hospitality. Jill had a deep love for her family and found great joy in supporting them, especially by attending their activities. She also loved to travel, with the beach being one of her favorite destinations. Those

who knew Jill will remember her for her selfless spirit, her open door, and her abundant generosity. Whether through her ministry, her kitchen, or simply her presence, Jill gave of herself fully and freely.