

***“...they all
may be one.”***

John 17:21

This course will study the origins and formation of the United Church of Christ and the principles that govern our covenants together, looking at local church, association and conference structures, as well as the national structure, also exploring our sense of mission and ministry, and UCC resources available to strengthen our churches and pastors.

Students will be encouraged to learn about and become knowledgeable of the unique culture of the United Church of Christ. While knowing the “nuts and bolts” of the UCC is important, of equal importance is understanding how the themes of covenant, evangelical courage, radical hospitality, early truth-telling, liberty of conscience, commitment to ecumenism and of being an “unfinished” church with an open table are certainly equal importance.

Meet the Instructor

Rev. Daniel Busch embraces and is influenced by the diversity of persons, worship, theology, and structures of the United Church of Christ. He has been part of the UCC all of his life, is a musician, served as an ordained pastor in local churches, and has been the Association Minister of NWOA for eleven years. His appreciation of the UCC as his faith family allows him to do ministries and missions as called by God in relationship with others.

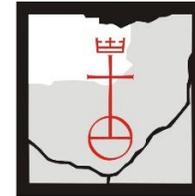


The aim of the Lay School of Religion Program has been to maintain quality instruction, to create an atmosphere for Christin fellowship and dialogue, and to encourage growth in faith and understanding so as to enhance the local church’s efforts to develop deeper and stronger faith communities for nurture, witness, mission and leadership.

Individuals may take a single class, or pursue lay ministry graduation. For more information about the Northwest Ohio Association Lay School of Religion please contact:

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Ohio Conference, United Church of Christ

United Church of Christ History and Polity

Spring 2017

***Class begins Tuesday,
January 17, 2017
(7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)***

***Followed by
7 more classes***

Jan. 31st

Feb 7th, 21st

March 14th, 28th

April 4th, 18th

***Class will be at the
Northwest Ohio
Association Office
416 Wentz Street
Tiffin, Ohio 44883***

Being part of the United Church of Christ is comforting/challenging and “united”/“untied”.



What does it mean to be a member of the United Church of Christ?

What does it mean to be “united” or “church” or “of Christ”?

What are the traditions, diversity, prophetic voices, and spirit of the United Church of Christ?

How does one claim an identity and loyalty to Christ as claimed by the United Church of Christ?

The United Church of Christ acknowledges as its sole Head, Jesus Christ, Son of God and Savior. It acknowledges as kindred in Christ all who share in this confession. It looks to the Word of God in the Scriptures, and to the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, to prosper its creative and redemptive work in the world. It claims as its own the faith of the historic Church expressed in the ancient creeds and reclaimed in the basic insights of the Protestant Reformers. It affirms the responsibility of the Church in each generation to make this faith its own in reality of worship, in honesty of thought and expression, and in purity of heart before God. In accordance with the teaching of our Lord and the practice prevailing among evangelical Christians, it recognizes two sacraments: Baptism and the Lord’s Supper or Holy Communion.

*--from Preamble of
“The UCC Constitution and Bylaws”*

Goals of the class are:

- 1. Study the origins and formation of the United Church of Christ.*
- 2. Examine the principles that govern our covenants together as local church, association, conference, and denominational structures.*
- 3. Explore the mission and ministry of partnerships between the local church and wider church.*
- 4. Examination of local church history of participants.*
- 5. Exploring resources to strengthen our churches and pastors.*

God is still speaking.

***Continuing Testament,
Extravagant Welcome,
Changing Lives—
We are the United Church
of Christ.***

***No matter who you are,
or where you are on life’s journey,
you are welcome here.***

***In essentials, unity;
in non-essentials, liberty;
in all things, charity.***