

# EYE CATCHERS

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## Partner's in Christ's Ministry,

I am writing to ask for your support of the Rev. Richard and Rachael Wolff Scholarship Fund for Theological Education. Please support the Wolff program by observing a special offering on a Sunday of your choosing that you believe is best suited for this purpose. The need for church leaders with integrity and ability has never been greater to shepherd our churches into a new ago.

The Wolff Fund strengthens the Ohio Conference. Wolff Fund recipients often return home to serve our churches in Ohio because one of the requirements is that they must be members of Ohio Churches and must attend one of twelve UCC Seminaries. The Wolff Scholarship program has supported 28 Seminary students and provided over \$120,000 toward tuition and expenses over the past eight years. The Wolff program also emphasizes recruitment of future ministers. As you plan for a special offering Sunday, we hope that you include something in worship and education which may plant seeds in the minds of prospective future Pastors and church leaders. All contributions are administered by the Ohio Conference.

More information, along with a brochure about the Fund, is available on the Ohio Conference web site; [www.ocucc.org](http://www.ocucc.org) under "Youth/Education". Please use any of these materials at your discretion. Thank you in advance for your support of this essential ministry of our church.

Sincerely, Rev. Dr. Kevan S. Franklin  
Chair, Wolff Fund for Theological Education

## Strengthen the Church Offering

Pentecost Sunday – May 11<sup>th</sup>

What does church mean to you? Mission? Compassion? Community?.....Praise? Prayer? Peace? We could sit in a circle asking that question and come up with as many different answers as people! But the value at the heart of every answer would likely be the same: Love. Our church is love.

When we think about how the church's love – God's love – has transformed and nourished us, we want to share it. We want others to feel the blessings of grace and acceptance, to know the joy of service and the freedom to live fully in God's moment.

Each year we receive a special offering in the United Church of Christ that helps the church's love to grow and thrive. Called Strengthen the Church, this offering funds new congregations and renews existing ones. It supports programs for youth and young adults, and nurtures current and future leaders. And this year, for the first time, it will aid the God is Still Speaking Ministry and its message of inclusively.

The Strengthen the Church offering is suggested for Pentecost, May 11<sup>th</sup> but may be taken at any time. Spread the Love. Strengthen the Church. God is still speaking!

From the Witness and Proclamation Team

## i.UCC.org

**What is i.ucc, and what's it for?** i.UCC

(pronounced eye-dot-ucc) is a virtual Christian community for members of the UCC and for seekers considering membership in our church. On i.UCC.org, members and seekers connect with the help of online experiences that strengthen relationship and build community:

- Real-time daily prayer in our virtual Prayer chapel
- Weekly Seeds – a Bible reading and spiritual message sent directly to your email inbox
- A Multi-media introduction to UCC history and values
- Music videos for reflection and prayer
- Interactive blogs by UCC pastors across the country
- Forums for Bible study, spiritual formation and friendly conversation

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