



the UCC at 50 years

let it shine

Synod In The City

June 23, 2007-Afternoon

Noon

Noon-12:45 p.m.: CHRISTOPHER GRUNDY This singer, songwriter and Christian musician is no stranger to General Synod or the UCC. **Place: 960 Main Atrium**

12:15-1 KEVIN PHILLIPS
One of America's foremost political historians, author of *American Theocracy*. **Place: Civic Center Assembly hall**

12:15-1:15 p.m.: MARIACHI BAND
Place: Bushnell Park

12:30-1 p.m.: RACHEL BARTON PINE
A passionate violinist who has inspired audiences worldwide. **Place: Civic Center Main Stage**

12:30-1:30 p.m.: STRONG WOMEN (Still Point Theatre Collective)
Short theatrical piece written from poetry by women incarcerated at Cook County jail. **Place: Christ Church Auditorium**

12:45-1:30 p.m.: I AM TYLER (Video)
Tyler Greene takes on Ability Awareness. **Place: Market Street**

12:45-1:45 p.m.: DIANE DARLING
Ordained UCC pastor talks about the UCC@50. **Place: Christ Church Sanctuary**

1 PM

1-1:45 p.m.: MARIA OTERO
Listen to an expert on reaching the poor through global microfinance. **Place: Civic Center Main Stage**

1-1:45 p.m.: CHARLES McCULLOUGH
Poet, sculptor and minister shares his works and theology. **Place: Capital Community College Auditorium**

1-1:45 p.m.: NICK CARTER and BILL IMES Leaders of two prominent seminaries (Andover Newton and Bangor) help us to understand our own rich UCC heritage. **Place: Wadsworth Atheneum**

1-1:45 p.m.: POPPIN' PUPPETS
These puppeteers bring music, laughs, energy and fun to children of all ages. **Place: 960 Main Atrium**

1-1:45 p.m.: SWEET THE SOUND
American Music Heritage project. Enjoy the sounds! **Place: Center Church**

1-1:45 p.m.: DJ DAVEY D
Hip Hop historian, journalist, DJ and Community activist. **Place: Hilton Grand Ballroom**

1:15-2 p.m.: FAMOUS DAVE
From humble beginnings to BBQ empire, Famous Dave's story is an inspiration. **Place: Civic Center Assembly Hall**

1:30-2:15 p.m.: HALLMARK JAZZ QUARTET Traditional jazz band. **Place: Bushnell Park**

2 PM

2-2:30 p.m.: CHILDREN'S ORCHESTRA
Nonprofit organization "teaching children the language of music" Dr. H.T. Ma, founder. **Place: Civic Center Main Stage**

2:30 – AFTERNOON KEYNOTE
2:30-3:15 p.m.: SEN. BARACK OBAMA
The Illinois senator and UCC member addresses his church. **Place: Civic Center Main Stage**

3:30-4:15 p.m.: RAY KURZWEIL
An imaginative scientific mind that probes the relationship between the human spirit and futuristic technologies. **Place: Civic Center Main Stage**

3:30-4:15 p.m.: HARRY KNOX
Human rights advocate who helped create a 22-state network of progressive clergy. **Place: Civic Center Assembly hall**

3:45-4:30 p.m.: BILLY MILLS
The first and only American to win an Olympic gold medal in the 10,000 m. race (1964), Mills draws on his Native American Indian stories in a meaningful presentation. **Place: Hilton Grand Ballroom**

3:45-4:30 p.m.: PAULINE CHEN
Surgeon and author, winner of George Longstreth Humanness Award. **Place: Wadsworth Atheneum**

3:45-4:30 p.m.: KENNY ENDO
Traditional Japanese Taiko drumming. **Place: Bushnell Park**

3:45-4:30 p.m.: DREW WILLARD
A caricaturist and biblical storyteller, this UCC pastor can delight all ages. **Place: 960 Main Atrium**

3:45-4:30 p.m.: PLYMOUTH CHURCH CHOIR The song goes on! **Place: Center Church**

3:45-4:45 p.m.: UCC@50 - PART II TODAY'S VOICES (Video)
See the video and meet the cast - nine young adults who share their challenges and hopes for the UCC, now and into the future. **Place: Capital Community College Auditorium**

4 PM

4-5 p.m.: SUSAN THISTLEWAITE
Chicago Theological Seminary president and author. **Place: Christ Church Sanctuary**

4-5:15 p.m.: TRACES OF THE TRADE
Journey with members of an aristocratic family as they trace their family tree back to early slave trade. **Place: Market Street**

4-5:30 p.m.: AMISTAD RE-ENACTMENT
Be a spectator at the trial of the Amistad captives and hear voices from freedom's history. **Place: Christ Church Auditorium**

4:30-5:30 p.m.: THE REV. PETER GOMES
Scholar, author, theologian and Harvard University's Phi Beta Kappa Teaching Award winner in 2001 — "an inspiration." **Place: Civic Center Main Stage**

4:45-5:30 p.m.: danah boyd
If you want to know why your teens and tweens are surfin' the net, this is one presentation you don't want to miss. **Place: Civic Center Assembly hall**

4:45-5:30 p.m.: ELAINE MERYL BROWN
An Emmy award-winning writer and a VP at HBO speaks to youth and the young at heart. **Place: Wadsworth Atheneum**

4:45-5:30 p.m.: JOY HARJO
A poet, musician, teacher and social activist, Joy Harjo is an innovator in all fields. **Place: Center Church**

4:45-5:30 p.m.: STEEPLEJACKING
Authors of book talk about how congregations are "lured" away from denominations by the IRD. **Place: Hilton Grand Ballroom**

4:45-5:30: PROVERBIAL FOOLS
Performers who seek wisdom and pursue justice through art. **Place: 960 Main Atrium**

4:45-5:30 p.m.: BRANCHES
A local UCC contemporary worship band. **Place: Bushnell Park**

6 PM

6-6:45 p.m.: GARY MILLER and THE CELEBRATION JAZZ BAND
Stop by for a toe-tapping, hand-clapping good time. **Place: Bushnell Park**

7:30 p.m.
UCC@50 BIRTHDAY BASH
Join the celebration!
Place: Civic Center