

# ALL-CHURCH RETREAT

**APRIL 28 - 30  
TOWER HILL CAMP**

***Deadline to Register: April 1, 2023***

## Lodging Options

Each lodging option includes fully furnished modern accommodations with linens. Accessible lodging is available. Use the links to view lodging options: [The Bungalow](#), [The Cottages](#), [The Lodge](#), [The Schrag](#), and [St. Philippus](#).

## Schedule & Meals

Please arrive after dinner on Friday, April 28 between 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Orientation and opening begins at 8:15 p.m. Departure is at 11:00 a.m. Sunday, April 30. Schedule will include full group, small groups, time for R and R, creative and playful story sharing activities.

Meals are included, and shared together in the dining hall. Kitchenettes, and refrigerators are also available in each lodging option.

## Registration & Payment Options

**Step 1:** Click the [registration link](#). Deadline to register is April 1, 2023. You may choose to register up to six people.

Children and teens are free! Pay what you can. Suggested price \$100/adult.

**Step 2:** Click [payment options link](#). Payments should be made at time of registration.

## Directions & Ride Sharing

Tower Hill Camp is located at 12173 Tower Hill Rd., Sawyer Michigan in southwest Michigan, and is about 2 1/2 hour drive from East Lansing. Please indicate if you wish to ride share whilst completing the registration form.

**Questions? Contact Marcia Beer**  
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## Meet the Facilitators

Tom grew up in the Allentown Pennsylvania area and became active as a youth in St. John's UCC, Fullerton. He earned his BA in Sociology in 1978 from Kutztown State College in Pennsylvania and graduated from Andover Newton Theological Seminary in 1981 with his Master of Divinity degree. Tom was ordained in August of 1981 after receiving his call to serve as pastor of the First Congregational UCC in Manistee Michigan. In 1990 he earned his Masters Degree in Counseling Psychology from Western Michigan University along with a Specialist Certificate in Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counseling and began serving a bi-vocational pastorate, splitting his time between First Congregational UCC in Manistee and the Manistee-Benzie Community Mental Health Counseling Center. In 2008 he began his current pastorate as Senior Pastor at the First Congregational UCC of Battle Creek Michigan. Since 2018, Tom has been working two days a week doing outpatient therapy at Life Coach Psychology in Battle Creek. He has been married for 42 years to his wife Patrice who teaches art in the elementary grades at Penfield Public Schools.



**Rev. Tom Ott**



**Rev. EJ McGaughy**

EJ grew up in Claremont United Church of Christ, spent their youth summers at a UCC camp called Pilgrim Pines in the hills of southern California, attended Catawba College for their Bachelors of Arts in religion and philosophy, graduated from the Pacific School of Religion with their Master's of Divinity and was ordained in the UCC on March 27th, 2010. EJ has served as Pastor at First Congregational Church of Riverside and First Congregational Church of Battle Creek. EJ comes to the work of ministry with 16 years of experience in activism, facilitation and organizing for social justice. They have worked for Allies for Change, The Center for Diversity and Innovation, The Accountability Academy for Mothering Justice, Catalyst and The Justice Leaders Collaborative. EJ is also a certified writing facilitator in the Amherst Writers & Artists way. EJ is married to Kate; together they have 6 kids, some by blood, some by choice. The kids' names are Abbey, Maddie, Aurora, Isaiah, Caster and Amos. The family enjoys hiking, sports and impromptu dance parties. The family's precious dog Solei puts up with all the two leggeds in the house but it's no small task.