

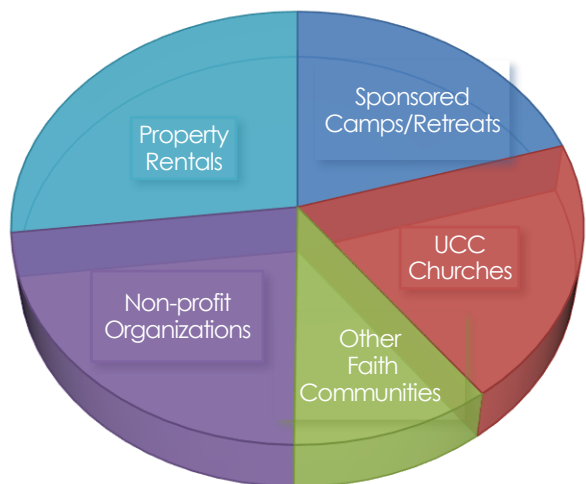


2024 Annual Report

Rev. Tracy Heilman

Partnerships:

Pokagon Band Potawatomi – We worked with their History and Culture Team for Summer Staff training. We hosted training for Archery and Team Building, and they hosted training for First Aid/CPR/AED. They will be bringing their team out in November for more training. We continue to work together for 2025 and may be hosting their Summer Camp at Tower Hill while their camp undergoes needed construction.



Lake Michigan College – Participated in the Earn and Learn Internship Grant funded through the Whirlpool Foundation. We recruited 5 students to work as Summer Staff; 4 of them qualified for the internship and we received \$9,000 towards their salaries. These young people were exceptional, and we are delighted that some will be returning in 2025.

Fox Valley Hands of Hope – Hosted a camp for families grieving the loss of a family member. This was their first year of resuming this camp since COVID and the first year at Tower Hill. They plan to return in 2025.

USH Youth Camp – Hosted an international camp for youth with Usher Syndrome. These young people are slowly losing their vision and/or hearing. It was an amazing experience to work with the campers and their volunteer staff.

Clergy Retreats:

The Best of Festival of Homiletics continues to be a wonderful time of fellowship and inspiration for clergy. Save the date now – May 12-15, 2025

Brush Harbor Clergy of Color Retreat-grateful to Rev. Michelle Hughes and Eyvette Jones-Johnson for leading the retreat and to Advocate Health Care for sponsoring the retreat. 16 participants were fed and nourished in body and spirit. We hope to offer this retreat again in October of 2025.

UCC Youth Summer Camps:

HUG Camp-61 campers and 16 counselors. Save the date for 2025: July 6-11

Godstock Camp-85 campers and 18 counselors. Save the date for 2025: July 20-25

Climate Action Camp-new for 2025. Save the date: June 16-20, 2025

At the end of this year, 2024, we are blessed to project that Tower Hill has welcomed campers and students, UCC congregations and other communities of faith, clergy and families totaling nearly 3000 individuals to step “out of the ordinary and into the sacred”.