



# Central Southeast Ohio Association, Ohio Conference December 20, 2017



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The CSEOA office will be closed  
over the holidays from  
December 23 to January 1, 2018.



## A Note from Your Treasurer Regarding OCWM Gifts

OCWM gifts received from congregations through December 31st will be credited to 2017 giving. OCWM gifts received through January 5th, 2018, will also be credited to 2017 giving unless you clearly indicate that the gift is to be credited to 2018. (This is to accommodate churches who make a year end gift). All OCWM gifts received January 6th or after will be credited to 2018. Thank you, and all best wishes for the holidays.

Jay Yutzey, CSEOA Treasurer

## A Note from Joan Davidson, CSEOA Registrar Yearbook Reporting Coming Soon

**Mark your calendar!** It's time, once again, for the UCC to begin preparing the Yearbook & Directory for 2018. Church reporting begins January 2, 2018 at noon through March 7, 2018 at midnight. Watch here for complete information and the link to begin reporting.

### Quick Links

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### 2017 Calendar

#### IT'S HAPPENING in the CSEOA

##### Wednesday, January 10th 2018

DPAM Meeting  
David's UCC in Canal Winchester  
9:30a - 3:30p

##### Saturday, January 13th 2018

Elders Meeting  
David's UCC in Canal Winchester  
10a

##### Saturday, January 13th 2018

Council Meeting  
Association Office  
9:30a - 12:30p

**CSE Departments,  
Council and  
Committees**

**2017 Calendar of  
Prayer**

**Visit the  
NEW  
CSEOA  
Website**

## **Calendar of Prayer**

**January 7, 2018**

CSEOA Association Staff

If you have news or photos to share and/or dates you would like to add to the calendar to be included in our next CSEmail, please submit to me by Friday at 4:30p  
Submit your articles, photos (jpeg, png format please) and attachments to  
[debras@ocucc.org](mailto:debras@ocucc.org)

## **"Tis the Season"**

With only 5 days left until Christmas, the excitement is mounting. Many of us are busy preparing for the big day. We're frantically trying to finish that last minute shopping, with all of the pressure of choosing just the right gifts. "Tis the season."

This is a phrase we often hear this time of year. Things like: Tis the season to be jolly or merry. Tis the season for family, friends and good food. Tis the season for shopping and giving. It's used to inspire light hearts and good will toward humankind. Unfortunately, this familiar phrase is not typically associated with remembering the reason for the season - the birth of our Savior. How ironic that Jesus, The Gift of all gifts - lovingly given to us by God, is all too often minimized and/or overshadowed by all the festivities.

Throughout the remainder of this *Holy* season, I pray that you and yours will intentionally and repeatedly take time to remember, celebrate and give thanks for the Christ child. May you experience the gift of God's Joy, Love and Light in places that bless you far beyond anything that could come in a box or wrapping paper. Most of all, may you generously share that Gift as often as possible - especially with "the least of these." After all, ***Tis the Season!***

Christmas Blessings,



Your Association Pastor  
***Rev. Patricia Battle***

## **Prayer Request for Jo Anne Nay**

### Prayer Requests



Jo Anne Nay will have surgery on Thursday, December 21st to remove her right kidney. This will be a significant surgery and will require a period of recovery in the hospital and at home. Please lift her, her family and the team at Riverside Methodist Hospital that will be caring for her throughout this procedure, up in prayer. Jo Anne is currently serving as the Chairperson for our CSEOA DPAM committee.



**Rachael Gardner Purdy  
To Be Ordained  
Saturday, January 6 2018  
at 2:00p at  
First Congregational UCC, Columbus**



## Love of Neighbor Now through Spring of 2018

Click below for more details and a way to put your plan into action

[Basic Needs Drive](#)



**Love of Neighbor,  
Love of Children,  
Love of Creation.**

## Boundary Training

If you are an Authorized Minister or MID that needs to complete Anti-Racism Training, you may want to audit the upcoming course at Methodist Theological School in Ohio during JTerm 2018 - Doing Our Own Work: An Anti-Racism Intensive for White People. All you have to do to start this process is contact Registrar, Lee Richards ([lrichards@mtso.edu](mailto:lrichards@mtso.edu))

Thank you,  
MK O'Haver  
Chair, DCAM

*Here is what 2 previous students had to say about the course:*

"From simply stating the fact that I am white to learning about the many histories I did not learn in school of people of color to thinking critically about how to address systemic racism and white supremacy..." "Doing Our Own Work" was a game changer. Rev. Dr. Morrison uses an array of tools from the assigned readings to in class poems, music, film clips, and dialogue with partners, in small groups, and as a whole class to have a fully engaged learning space. The class learned from each other, pushed each other to dig deeper, and committed to continue to do what we can in small and large ways to stand up as anti-racists. We have work to do as white people...this is a great class to start on or continue your journey."

- Kris LoFrumento, Director of Student Services, class auditor JTerm 2016

"Doing Our Own Work" provided practical training to confront systemic racism in my own life. The powerful curriculum effectively blends practice, spiritual wisdom, history, great thinkers, and useful ministry resources. The experience taught me how to interrupt and confront systemic injustice in everyday moments. This class has had an impact on me that will continue far beyond MTSO.

– Emily Howard, MDiv candidate 2018

## Imagining a Different Conference



You are invited to help the Conference Vision Team!

Recently, a team of 15 representatives from Associations and Conference forwarded a report to the Board of Directors. That report imagined different ways to shape the Ohio Conference and its Associations.

The Vision Team declared to the Board of Directors that we need to become "one nimble and responsible judicatory that is faithful in mission and responsible in stewardship."

The Board agreed. And that's where you come in.

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## Board Allocates Pilgrim Hills Sales Proceeds

The Ohio Conference Board made decisions on the use of Pilgrim Hills sale proceeds, approved Make a Difference grants, and took several other actions at its meeting on December 8.

Final details of the sale of Pilgrim Hills were available to the Conference Board of Directors at the December meeting. The closing of the sale and transfer of funds took place November 27, and the \$2.5 million sales price resulted in nearly \$800,000 more than was originally contemplated.

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## Introducing Adam Sharp

The Ohio Conference team welcomes Adam Sharp, who began serving as our Conference Executive Administrator on December 4.

Sharp inherits a complex and pivotal position at a time when change and uncertainty mark the work of the Conference.

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## WISDOM CONVERSATIONS "Aging and Opportunity for Congregations and Ourselves."



Join United Church Homes' Ruth Frost Parker Center for Abundant Aging for a clergy and lay leader retreat! The theme is "Aging and Opportunity for Congregations and Ourselves."

Facilitators are Susan H. McFadden, Ph.D., professor emerita of psychology at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, and John T. McFadden, M.Div., an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ who served in parish ministry for 34 years.

The one-day conference will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 8, 2018 at Dublin Community UCC, 81 W. Bridge St., Dublin, Ohio 43017-1167. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with the program to follow at 9:45 a.m.

Registration is \$20 and includes lunch and the program. To register, visit <https://uchwisdomconversationsjan2018.eventbrite.com> by Dec. 29. For more details please visit <https://www.abundantaging.org/events/clergy-wisdom-conversations-aging-opportunity-congregations/>.

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**Speaking of Faith...**  
*Spiritual but Not Religious,*

## Hinduism, Christianity, Islam

Over the next several months Rev. Dr. Tim Ahrens will be facilitating this program.

We will learn WITH people who practice their faith in each of the above beliefs.

Monday, January 8, 2018 - 7-9pm - **Hinduism** - location to be announced.

Monday, February 5, 2018 - 7-9pm - **Christianity** - location to be announced.

Monday, March 5 -7-9pm - **Islam** - Noor Cultural Islamic Center, 5001 Wilcox Road, Dublin, Ohio 43016

Bring friends, family, neighbors, co-workers. All are welcome. We need to have folks sign-up so we can plan for food and seating.

Contact [Rev. Dr. Tim Ahrens](#) for more information

## Churches Currently in Transition....

- **Heidelberg UCC, Stoutsville** is in the process of beginning their search for a new minister.
- **Advent UCC, Columbus** is in the process of beginning their search for a new minister.



### Have you read the PARISH PAPER?

The Parish Paper is a wonderful resource to which the Ohio Conference has subscribed on behalf of all Ohio Conference churches. Each issue stands alone as a topic of interest and importance to being a living and growing congregation. Check it out...

[December - Does Our Pastor Need a Job Description](#)

[January, 2018 - 18 Questions for 2018](#)

[February 2018 - Best Practices for Church Members Serving as Staff](#)



[Constitution and By Laws Adopted 10-25-14](#)

[CSEOA Vision - Future Story 2020](#)

[CSEOA Strategic Plan 2013-2020](#)

[Ohio Conference Website](#)

[Outdoor Ministries](#)

[Member In Discernment Manual Rev. 7 10-9-2013](#)

[How Do I Transfer My Standing?](#)

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