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Ohio Conference
January 31, 2018



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2018 Calendar of Events

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DCAM Meeting

February 10th, Saturday
Grace UCC, Lancaster
1p

DPAM Meeting

No February Meeting

Council Meeting

February 10th, Saturday
Location To Be Decided
9:30a - 12:30a

Calendar of Prayer

February 4, 2018

**2018 Calendar of
Prayer**

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David's UCC, Canal Winchester

February 11, 2018
First United Church of Granville

February 18, 2018
Evangelical UCC, Portsmouth

February 25, 2018
Ohio Conference Outdoor Ministries 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

Celebration of Life Service Reminder



ROGER A. MILLER
Celebration of Life Service

Saturday, February 24th, 2018 at 10:30a at
First Congregational Church UCC
444 E Broad St, Columbus

Attention Church Pianists and Organists

Saturday, February 24th 9a-4:30p

The American Guild of Organists, Columbus Ohio Chapter, invites you to FEBRUARY FLOURISH, a day long series of workshops at Covenant Presbyterian church, 2070 Ridgecliff Rd, Columbus 43221.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet others, share and enhance skill sets and become acquainted with new resources that are available to help part-time musicians.

[READ MORE](#)

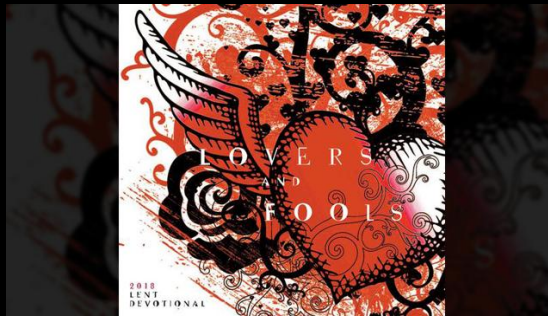


Nicaragua Fiesta Dinner and Program February 3, 2018 6-8p North Congregational UCC, Columbus

Every two years, a mission team from North Congregational UCC, Columbus makes plans to head down to Masaya, Nicaragua to join with the Chacocente Community in work, community building and having lots of fun.

All Welcome!

Get the [DETAILS HERE](#)



Lovers and Fools
2018 UCC Lent Devotional
[Read More and Purchase Here](#)

Love is Love 2018, Retreat "Together on a Journey" February 10-11 2018

An LGBT and Allies multigenerational event sponsored by North Congregational UCC partnering with the Ohio Conference led by Chris Isaacs and Kim Heimlich

When: Saturday, February 10, 2018 registration 11:00 AM-1:00 PM (lunch provided) to Sunday, February 11, 2018, 1:00 PM.

Where: Templed Hills UCC Camp, Bellville, OH

What: 24-hour event, Safe place of Community for LGBT and Allies

Why: Come together to be in Community with others who are diverse yet affirming

Who: Inter-generational, families, singles, couples; all are welcome. If the What and the Why interest you, it is the place to be!

Cost: Adult - \$56.60 (includes overnight stay and meals)

Student (6-11) - \$33.95

Children (5 and under) – no charge

Registration deadline is January 26, 2018

Registration link: <https://ohioucc.campbrainregistration.com/>

If you need assistance with registration, please contact the Camp Registrar at campregistrar@ocucc.org or 800-282-0740, Ext. 202.

For more information, email your name and contact info to:
loveislove6262015@gmail.com

The Love is Love event is created in a spirit of fellowship, to provide a safe space for conversation as well as an exposure to a camp experience. The weekend is created for LGBT and Allies who would like to be in conversation with others. The event is a multi generational family friendly space.

Templed Hills is located in Bellville, OH. Housing includes indoor plumbing, heat, twin size beds and a roof over your head. Meals will be provided and are included in the cost of the weekend (lunch Saturday through lunch Sunday).

**A Note from Joan Davidson,
CSEOA Registrar
Yearbook Reporting !**

Attention Church Staff Central Southeast Ohio Association, UCC

Reporting in Process! The Center for Analytics, Research and Data (CARD) is collecting new data for the 2018 UCC Yearbook. Your help is needed! We ask all churches of the Association to prepare this information and submit to the UCC National Database.

To begin the process, it is helpful to read the following CHURCH YEARBOOK INSTRUCTIONS and complete the ONLINE DATA ENTRY FORM (page 5) of the Yearbook Instructions before entering the data-hub.

BEGIN HERE

[CHURCH YEARBOOK INSTRUCTIONS](#)

VIDEO TUTORIALS

The data-hub will be open until March 7, 2018 at midnight. Please submit your data as early as possible to avoid potential delays if you should need assistance.

Step 1. Print or save the [ONLINE DATA ENTRY FORM](#) and collect information.

Step 2. Log into the UCC Data Hub <https://datahub.ucc.org>
or http://www.ucc.org/research_yearbook

a. Login window

User Name: _____

Password: password _____

The user name begins with our Conference # 52 then your 4 digit church number. (If you only have 3 digits in your church number add 0 in front of your church number)

52 (Conf. #) 0123 (Church #) 520123

Don't know your church number? SEE ATTACHMENT

Password password

**** Follow the "Church Yearbook Instructions" information to complete the online data entries.**

Step: 3. "Report of Church Officers for 2018" (*attached*) fill in as much as possible and.....

Step 4. Scan, fax or mail hard copy of the Church Officers Report to the Association office only.

Step 5. When steps 1-4 are complete notify the CSEO Registrar by email. joand@ocucc.org

If you have questions or just need help getting started, call Joan Davidson, Registrar. Please do not call the National Office for help. They will refer you back to Joan.

Joan Davidson 419-934-3713

Video tutorials and information sheets: All training materials are available at the following link on the Yearbook and Directory webpage: www.ucc.org/research_yearbook . On this page, congregations can also find a *Definitions Tip Sheet* for reporting categories.

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Attachments:

- [1. Church Yearbook Instructions](#)
- [2. Church Officers for 2018](#)
- [3. Church Number list](#)
- [4. Eleven Reasons Why Reporting Annual Data is Important](#)

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Dear Association



On behalf of Cathy Green, Ohio Conference Moderator, we are informing everyone that Rev. John Gantt will be stepping down from his role as Interim Conference Minister in September (and possibly earlier). A search is underway for a "Transitional Conference Minister" who will take his place.

[MORE INFO HERE](#)

IMAGINING A NEW CONFERENCE

**OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE IDEAS,
DREAMS AND CONCERNS**

**The Conference Vision Team wants
to hear from you!**



Your opinion and reflection are essential to the shaping of the future work and ministry of the United Church of Christ in Ohio, West Virginia and Northern Kentucky.

The visionary goal of this effort is to create **"one nimble and responsive judicatory that is faithful in mission and responsible in stewardship."**

These "imagining" sessions will help create a new day of effective and efficient ministry.

Discussions are scheduled as follows:

January 30 - Tuesday - First UCC, Oberlin - 6:30 pm
(This event will be streamed at <https://www.facebook.com/OhioConference/>)
February 3 - Saturday - First UCC, Galion - 10 am
February 17 -Saturday - St. Paul's UCC, Bellevue - 10 am
February 22 - Thursday - Congregational UCC, Canton - 2 pm
February 22 - Thursday - Congregational UCC, Canton - 7 pm
February 24 - Saturday - St. Paul's UCC, Sidney - 10 am
February 24 - Saturday - Park UCC, Toledo - 6 pm
March 3 - Saturday - Central Congl. UCC, Madison - 10 am (light lunch)

March 4 - Sunday - Templed Hills - 3 pm
March 10 - Saturday - Emmanuel UCC, Bluffton - 10 am
March 11 - Sunday - St. John's UCC, Newport, KY - 3 pm
March 24 - Saturday - St. John's UCC, Newark - 10 am

Members of the Vision Team will be present at each session to share developments so far and to invite your reflection and suggestions.

Currently serving are: Patricia Battle, Dan Busch, Dan Doty, Mark Frey, John Gantt, Cathy Green, Tom Kagy, Ian Lynch, Carl Robinson, Jared Ruari, Karl Ulrich, Terry Williams.

Other members of the Conference serve on one of three working groups studying "Best and Standard Practices Resource," "Form and Structure Plan," and "Finance and Stewardship."

Questions, Comments or Ideas? Email ocuccvision@gmail.com

Wider Church Upcoming Events



**"The Awakened Soul:
Living at Our Utmost Capacity"
featuring:
Quaker Minister, Writer, & Speaker
PHILIP GULLEY**

Christian Churches in Ohio (DOC) graciously invite UCC clergy and spouses to attend a retreat prepared by their Spiritual Life Committee, featuring Philip Gulley. Retreat dates are February 6-8 with a registration deadline of January 28.

[Read More and Register](#)

Greg Davis, a member of First Community Church, Columbus asks us to consider how to join the Interfaith March for Peace and Justice, an international event planned for April 29. Of special concern is to identify persons in various locations throughout the Conference who will help organize simultaneous marches in their areas.

[Read More](#)

Speaking of Faith... 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, February 5, 2018 - 7-9pm - **Christianity** - We will gather at Ohio Dominican University at Christ the King Chapel at 7 p.m. Fr. Paul Colloton, OSFS/OPA, Chaplain at ODU and both a Salesian AND Dominican priest will lead us through our class. He loves to sing! We hope to have a great experience of faith. Please sign-up below and bring your friends and family who are Catholic as we learn about Roman Catholic expressions and experiences of Christian faith.

Parking is available next to and behind The Griffin Student Center on the West Side of Sunbury Road. Turn left at the light past the Student Center and then cross Sunbury Road to Sansbury Hall where Christ the King Chapel is located.

[Register HERE](#)

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.

"The Beginning of Wisdom" A devotion by Emily C. Heath



*"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
God's praise endures forever." - Psalm 111:10*

A few years ago I began adding something new to my prayers every evening. Instead of asking for things to work out the way I wanted, or for nothing to go wrong, I began to pray instead for wisdom. That one small change to my prayer life has made a tremendous difference in my life.

Back then I had been reading the story of Solomon in Scripture, and I had been struck that when God asked Solomon what he wanted, he hadn't asked for wealth, or power, or success. Instead, he just wanted wisdom. And, Scripture tells us, God was so impressed with Solomon's request that God gave him all the things he hadn't asked for as well.

In the Serenity Prayer we pray for the "serenity to accept the things we cannot change, courage to change the things we can, and the wisdom to know the difference." It's that last line that's the kicker. Knowing what we can change, and what we cannot, is crucial to our spiritual life. Wisdom helps us to decide between acceptance, and action. It either moves us to peace, or prods us to change the world.

The Psalm tells us that wisdom is rooted in the "fear of the Lord." We're not talking about the kind of fear here that makes us cower from God's judgment. Instead, it's a kind of awe that opens our soul up to something greater than we could ever imagine. When we turn to face God, and find ourselves unable to

comprehend the magnitude of what we encounter, that's when we realize that we could never ask for any gift as profound as wisdom.

I do not think that I am wise. Not yet, at least. But I do believe that my path has become clearer these past years. I know a little more about what I'm supposed to do in my day to day life. At the end of the day, that's possibly the greatest gift that prayer has ever given to me.

Prayer

God, if I may only have one thing, then please grant me wisdom. Amen.



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...

[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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