

**Central Southeast Ohio Association,
Ohio Conference
April 11, 2018**



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DPAM Meeting

Wednesday, April 11th
9:30a-3:30p
David's UCC, Canal Winchester

Council Meeting

Saturday, April 14th
9:30a-12:30p
Grace UCC, Lancaster

DCAM Meeting

Saturday, April 14th
1p
Grace UCC, Lancaster

**2018 Calendar of
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Calendar of Prayer

April 15, 2018

First Congregational UCC, Columbus

April 22, 2018

CSEOA Members In-Discernment

April 29, 2018

First Congregational UCC, Mt. Vernon

**Save the Date!
CSEOA Spring Annual Meeting
Saturday, May 5th
9:30a-1:30p @
Mid-Ohio Food Bank
3960 Brookham Dr
Grove City, OH 43123**

Register Here

The Association Office is open on Tuesdays from 10a - 1p or by appointment.
I will normally respond to your phone/email messages
within 24 hours of receipt Monday through Thursday. Messages are not checked Friday - Sunday
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

Annual Central Southeast Ohio Association Financial Report for 2017

Your Association completed the 2017 fiscal year in good financial condition. OCWM was \$222,035 over a budget of \$219,000, or 101.4% of budget. This is particularly notable because the budget for 2018 is \$222,000, so if giving is flat or better in 2018 (the trend in recent years has been a marginal increase year over year), we should be in good financial condition on the revenue side for the current year.

Expenses were \$220,784 over \$219,000 or 100.8% of budget. This includes the unbudgeted OCWM cash contribution of \$9,055 to Conference in the first quarter of 2017. Backing out that number, expenses were \$211,729/\$219,000 or 96.7% of budget.

Cash (checking and savings) was \$84,652 after adding in accounts receivable and backing out accounts payable. This is 4.6 cash months. While this may appear high against an average target value of 3 cash months, recall that we receive a significant amount of our annual OCWM contributions in the month of December, and that giving falls off precipitously in the first quarter of the year. The 4.6 value is identical to where we were at the end of December, 2016 and is therefore normal.

We are grateful to God and to you and your congregations for your sustaining gifts to the wider church through your Association. As always, please feel free to contact me directly if questions or concerns at jyutzey@columbus.rr.com or 614-457-6406.

Peace and best,

Jay Yutzey
CSEOA Treasurer

**Building Community Bridges:
Conversations on Disability
Sponsored by MTSO April 11,12**

Even among faith communities committed to social justice, issues around disability can be overlooked. Spanning two days, this workshop features public lectures, a panel with self-advocates and their families, and breakout sessions with experts in the field.

The keynote speakers will be William Gaventa (the chair of the National Collaborative on Faith and Disability and director of the Summer Institute on Theology and Disability) and John L. Martin (the director of the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities). Gaventa's forthcoming book, *Disability and Spirituality: Recovering Wholeness*, will be available for purchase.

This is a ticketed event mixed with free public lectures.

Click the link below for more details on the event and lodging information.

[READ MORE](#)



New Podcast "Alive in Our Sexuality and Faith"



Rev. Traci Blackmon, UCC executive minister for Justice and Local Church Ministries, has announced a new podcast discussion beginning April 10. The sessions are titled "Alive in our Sexuality and Faith" and grow out of experience with OWL (Our Whole Lives) training. It continues a series of other resources and topics developed by Justice and Witness Ministries.

Review Podcasts [HERE](#)

Crossroad Child & Family Services Crossroad Dinner Event



CROSSROAD
Child & Family Services

May 17, 2018 6pm - 8pm
Courtyard Marriott Downtown Fort Wayne

Learn about current successes in treatment of children and our plan for helping even more children and families in the future!

[Click HERE to learn more about Crossroad Child & Family Services](#)

It will be an evening of inspiration with an exciting update on Crossroad's mission and vision. Tickets are \$50/ person or \$400/ table of 8. The Courtyard Marriott has a block of rooms at a discounted rate for our guests wanting to stay the night. For information call Kristi Geiger at 260.484.4153 x 2003.

[Find registration info here](#)

It's Time to Register for Camp



[**Click Here For Details**](#)

Great Lakes Regional Youth Event Elmhurst College, Elmhurst Illinois July 5-8 A Just World For All: Your Voice Matters

Greetings Brothers & Sisters in Christ! I am reaching out to you on behalf of the planning committee for the UCC Great Lakes Regional Youth Event. The attached is a letter of invitation for this summers event that includes the link for registration. Please distribute to the masses; all clergy and lay leadership throughout your conferences and help us to spread the word! Blessings ~ Kim

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[Click HERE For Letter of Invitation](#)

[Information and Registration](#)

Interim Minister 3-Day Training

At Camp Christian
May 8-10 & November 13-15
Register online at ccinoh.com



**An Invitation for UCC Youth
to journey with
Christian Church in Ohio,
Youth**

**to the United Nations Seminar 2019
(February 22- March 2, 2019)**

The Adventure Continues: "An Opportunity of a Lifetime"

"It was an awesome adventure." "I went 12 years ago, and I'm still in touch with the friends I made on the UN Seminar." "It changed how I see the world." "I'm doing what I do today, because of what I experienced on the UN Seminar." "I learned that faith has a place in government decision making." "It was so AWESOME!!!"..... Just a few comments from those who have attended in the past.

[Information](#)

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[Application to Attend](#)

Contact [Rev. Ralph S Wearstler](#) Christian Church in Ohio or
[Joyce Oyler](#) UCC Outdoor Ministries with questions or concerns.

Share Videos of your Youth in Action

Ohio Conference Annual Gathering is September 28 and 29th at Westerville Community UCC

The Annual Gathering committee plans to celebrate the work of our young people who are taking active roles in shaping public policy, particularly in response to the ravages of school shootings and gun violence in our communities.

Please send video and

[Consent for Release Form](#)

To: [Adam Sharp](#)

Boundary Training 2018 Register Now

Authorized Ministers in the CSEOA

One of the requests of our authorization and standing is to stay current with Boundary training and Anti-racism training. This requirement is every 3 years for both. I would ask you to check when was the last time you had both of these trainings, if it is more than 3 years, I would invite you to sign up for the training at Camp Christian with the Disciples of Christ on April 18 for Anti-Racism training and April 19 for Ethical Boundary training.

Following through on our expectations of growth and being in compliance with our authorization is very important, for ourselves, for our places that we work, and for our call. So please check your schedule and sign up, and if you don't remember, it probably has been too long.

Thank you for all the wonderful and hard work that you do as an authorized minister in the CSEOA on behalf of the United Church of Christ.

Mindy Quellhorst

Rev. Melinda Quellhorst
Pastor Grace United Church of Christ
Member of DCAM

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



Spring Lantern Fellowship Women's Retreat

April 20-22, at Camp Mohaven

Click the link below for information about the Spring Lantern Fellowship Women's Retreat. The retreat will be held at Camp Mohaven and registration is available at

www.onlineregistrationcenter.com/lantern (note: registration is not handled by the Ohio Conference).

[DETAILS HERE](#)

Churches Currently in Transition....

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

"Share" A devotion by Richard L. Floyd



"All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need." - Acts 2:44-45

My son and daughter were born 20 months apart and so played together as children. Before I was a parent I imagined that the solution to sibling competition over toys was to give them each the same one. So, for example, if you gave one of them a colorful ball, you would also give the other one an identical ball. As reasonable as this sounds, it didn't work. Apparently there is something highly acquisitive hardwired into the human condition. It turns out that both children wanted both balls. I'm tempted to reference a certain Christian doctrine here, but I'll hold back.

So responsible parents need to teach their children how to share. I grew up before the days of Sesame

Street, but my children came along at the right time, and I watched many episodes with them.

One of my favorite bits was Cookie Monster contemplating a cookie with great anticipation, when a sad-eyed little girl enters the scene and stares at him and his cookie. Whichever side of him she moves to, he turns his head to avoid her imploring gaze. He wants to eat the cookie, but he just can't do it. Finally he breaks the cookie in half and shares it with the girl. Looking into the camera he says loudly, "SHARE!" Then he eats his half of the cookie. When the girl eats her half, she wolfs it down just like Cookie Monster.

The early church shared. The Book of Acts presents an idealized view, but even if there was never quite that level of sharing, it should give us Jesus-followers pause about the way we live now, both in church and society.

Prayer

We thank you for all the ways you provide for us. Help us to love as Jesus loved. Help us to share as Jesus shared. 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...

April - Church Energy Use: Can We Harness Hope?



[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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