

**Central Southeast Ohio Association,
Ohio Conference
April 18, 2018**



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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



Quick Links

2018 Calendar of Events

**CSE Authorized
Clergy and MID
Directory**

**CSE Pulpit Supply
List**

CSEOA Annual Spring Gathering

Saturday, May 5th
9:a-1:30p
Mid-Ohio Food Bank, Grove City

DPAM Meeting

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

Council Meeting

**CSE Church
Directory**

**CSE Departments,
Council and
Committees**

**2018 Calendar of
Prayer**

**MESA COM
& MOM
Information and
Manuals**

**CSEOA
Website**

Saturday, May 12th
9:30a-12:30p
Location TBD

Calendar of Prayer

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**](#)

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

**You are cordially invited to attend
The Ordination to Christian Ministry in the
United Church of Christ for
Abigail Prendergast**



Saturday, April 28, 2018 at 1 p.m.
First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
444 E. Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Reception Immediately following.
*Clergy are invited to vest and process.
Please gather in the Parlor at 12:30 p.m.
The liturgical color of the day is red.*

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](#)



SARA Sharing American Resources Abroad

SARA

Is an ecumenical Christian Ministry dedicated to offering medical training and assistance to improve lives around the world.

We ask that churches support the SARA mission in any way they can.

There are many opportunities for hands on mission work as well as financial support and/or donations of supplies. Two teams will leave in September of 2018 for the Ukraine and spots are still available to join the trip.

If any church would like a speaker to visit or are interested in helping SARA in any way, please contact us.

Information can be found in the [BROCHURE](#).

Blessing of Joy,
Martha Siegel OTR/L

TAKE ACTION

**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

GLRYE Co-Chairs

Rev. Emily A. Davis emily@fcc-cl.org

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[Click HERE For Letter of Invitation](#)

[Information and Registration](#)



**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](#)

[View Brochure](#)

[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](#)

Upcoming Available Workshops Christian Church in Ohio (Disciples of Christ) Ohio Conference United Church of Christ

Diagnosing Congregational Health & Sacred Stories

[Click Here to Read more and Register](#)

Basic 3-Day Interim Ministry Training

[Click Here to Read more and Register](#)

Churches Currently in Transition....

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

"Idol" A devotion by Quinn G. Caldwell



"The idols of the nations are silver and gold, the work of human hands. They have mouths, but they do not speak; they have eyes, but they do not see; they have ears, but they do not hear, and there is no breath in their mouths. Those who make them and all who trust them shall become like them." - Psalm 135:15-17

"Papa?" I hear my seven-year-old calling curiously from upstairs, where we're supposed to be playing Legos. I had told him I'd be right back, and I meant it when I said it, but I glance at the clock on my phone and realize that that was like fifteen minutes ago. I've been hiding in the bathroom all this time, scrolling through Facebook. I'm hiding in the bathroom because, you see, I am a Good Parent and I know that Bad Parents stare at their screens all day, while their children watch them watching their screens, and so learn from their parents' Bad Examples. Therefore, to set a Good Example, I hide in the bathroom to stare at my screen so my son won't see me do it. Instead, he will simply wonder why I've

ditched him. Because, as I said, I am a Good Parent.

The Bible's full of warnings against worshipping idols, but Psalm 135 names the scariest of all the reasons: you become like what you worship. Worshipers of statues, the psalmist says, become silent, unhearing, unseeing. By just about any definition of "idol," my phone is one, and by just about any definition of "worship," I am one of its most devoted worshipers. If the psalmist is right, then I am in very real danger, alone here in the bathroom, of becoming like this sleek little god in my hand: loud with nothing to say, flashy with no beauty, outraged with no action, funny with no compassion, promising with no fulfillment. Id without superego. Form without substance. All heat and no light.

"Papa, what are you doing?" he yells from upstairs. And because even I can sometimes manage to hear the word of the living God in the voice of the prophet, I dash my idol against the stones* and head upstairs to try to be present, aware, loving, deep, and real, like the One whom I'd actually rather be worshipping.

*aka "put it in airplane mode"

Prayer

God, save me from becoming click bait. 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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