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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
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Calendar of Prayer

April 1, 2018

First Congregational Church, Marietta

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CSEOA Chaplains serving in
Hospitals, Nursing Homes, the Military

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

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

CSEOA JOB POSTING for the Position of Administrative Minister

[Click Here for Description and Details](#)

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"

ALIVE! in our sexuality *AND* faith

a five week EASTER series



ucc.org/podcastforajustworld

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

GLRYE Co-Chairs

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

Rev. Kimberlee Whisler-Vasko kimberlee2964@icloud.com

[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](#)

[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](#)

Youth Summer Mission Trip



Dear Central Southeast Pastors,

You don't have to go far to do good! Washington UCC in Cincinnati has one week still open this summer for a youth mission group - July 8-13. We are in a poor, but safe neighborhood, and you will stay in a secured, air-conditioned apartment building across the street from the church.

You will help with children in our Summer Youth Program, matched 1-on-1 as a 'buddy' to a child. You also will help serve meals to the community, and do some 'fix-up, clean-up' projects.

And we offer poverty education evening programs. PLUS - lots of fun things to do in Cincinnati.

[Brochure Here](#)

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](#)

Giving Voice to LGBTQ Older Adults Conference GEN SILENT



**An Exploration of a Vital Topic, with a Film
Screening and Workshops
Saturday, April 14th - 9:30a-3:30p
North Congregational UCC
2040 W Henderson Rd, Columbus OH 43220**



United Church Homes' Ruth Frost Parker Center for Abundant Aging and North Congregational UCC, Columbus, are co-sponsoring the Giving Voice to LGBTQ Older Adults Conference from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. April 14 at North Congregational, 2040 W. Henderson Road. The conference will include the premier of "Gen Silent," a documentary asking six LGBT seniors if they will hide their lives to survive. Workshops are planned on long-term care planning, elder abuse, advocacy and services and spiritual challenges and opportunities for communities.

[Informational Flyer](#)

[Agenda](#)

[Register Here](#)



The Potency of Hope May 1-3

at the Carefree Resort and Conference Center in Carefree, Arizona

This event will feature keynote presentations by 2017 Antoinette Brown Awardees the Rev. Day McCallister and the Rev. Loey Powell focused on the theme of "The Potency of Hope." Participants will explore the beauty of the Southwest, be inspired in worship and plenary time, share wisdom and learn

from one another in workshops and affinity groups.

[Read More and Register Here](#)



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.

"All There is to Say" A devotion by Emily C. Heath



*"O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever!
Let Israel say,
"God's steadfast love endures forever." - Psalm 118:1-2*

On Easter Monday the big celebration is over. Most of us are back to our regular lives, carrying on like nothing has changed. Something has changed, though. Just yesterday we were reminded again that death was defeated by God's love, and that hope has broken out of the tombs and into the world.

Today's lectionary readings include this very short passage from the Psalms. Most readings are far longer than two verses, but on this day after Easter, this is all we need: Give thanks to God, for God is good . . . God's steadfast love endures forever.

Ministers love to use five words when one will do, so this is a good reminder to those of us who preach that sometimes brevity is the soul of faith. There is nothing more that I can say about the miracle of Easter that is not said in these two lines. I could preach for an hour, and I'd never be able to sum up the task of Easter Monday better than this: Give thanks to God for God is good . . . God's steadfast love endures forever.

And so, as you go out into the world today, do just that. Give thanks to God for a goodness and love that could not be contained, even by the grave. Give thanks in prayer and praise, but give thanks in other ways, too. Give thanks through all actions you take, every act of kindness you bestow on others, and each occasion when you are called to stand up in courage and love for your neighbors.

God's love has already won. It's our work to spread that good news to those who do not yet know it. Our thanksgiving thus becomes the world's joy, and our every action becomes a small reminder of resurrection.

Prayer

Thank you God, for you are good. Your steadfast love endures forever. 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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