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Ohio Conference  
March 28, 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

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### **Calendar of Prayer**

**April 1, 2018**

First Congregational Church, Marietta

**April 8, 2018**

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](mailto:debras@ocucc.org)

**CSEOA JOB POSTING  
for the Position of  
Administrative Minister**

[Click Here for Description and Details](#)

**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](http://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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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](http://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.

## "God's Surprising Choices" A devotion by Tony Robinson



*"For the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but Lord looks on the heart." - 1 Samuel 16:7*

A friend of mine did a sermon series she called "The Ten Essentials." Her subtitle was, "The Ten Bible Stories You Have to Have." She would tell her congregation, "It's too dangerous for you to go out there without these stories tucked in your hearts."

This one, the story of the prophet Samuel's visit to Jesse to anoint one of his sons to be king of Israel, would make my top ten, if for no other reason than the line quoted above. "God does not look on outward appearances, but upon the heart."

Jesse had a passel of sons. He paraded seven of them before Samuel, beginning with Eliab, who was not only the eldest but big and tall and studly. Looked like excellent king material, as did the others. But one after another God gave a thumbs down to an increasingly exasperated Samuel.

Finally, Samuel—desperation in his voice—asked Jesse if he had seen all of his sons. "Well, there is one more, the youngest. He's out tending the sheep." Samuel said, "Bring him." God said, "This is the one." He was the youngest, the smallest, the least likely, a mere boy. David.

But he was the one God wanted. Why? Well, God seems to like surprising us. God gets a kick out of messing with our expectations. God seems to like choosing people that conventional wisdom would not consider in a million years. Like Moses, who had a public speaking problem. Like Jeremiah who was a raw youth. Like Mary who was unwed and poor. Like Paul who was known as an enemy of the church. God, as a friend likes to say, has, "a preferential option for the unlikely."

There's both bad news and goods news here. The bad news is that our choices and evaluations are often made on a superficial basis. The good news is that in our heart of hearts many of us harbor a sense of deep inadequacy. We think we're not enough. Not smart enough. Not good enough. Not faithful enough. We feel we are very unlikely candidates for God's love, for doing God's work in the world. But good news: God can and does have a preferential option for the unlikely, which includes me and maybe you, too.

### **Prayer**

**Holy One, when the voices thrum that repeat "not enough," ring in my ears;**



help me to hear your surprising word and to know that, by your grace, I am enough. 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...

**March - Finding Significance as a Small Church**

**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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