

**Central Southeast Ohio Association,  
Ohio Conference  
August 1, 2018**



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I will normally respond to your phone/email messages  
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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  
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**2018 Calendar of Events**

**Council Meeting**

Saturday, August 11th  
9:30a-12:30p  
Location TBD

**DCAM Meeting**

Saturday, August 11th  
1p  
Grace UCC, Lancaster

**DPAM Meeting**

Tuesday, September 11th  
9:30a-4:00p

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**2018 Calendar of  
Prayer**

**MESA COM &  
MOM Information  
and Manuals**

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MTSO

**Department of Vitality**

Monday, August 20th  
6:30p  
Advent UCC

**Ohio Conference  
Annual Gathering**

September 28th and 29th  
Westerville Community UCC

**CSEOA Annual Fall Meeting**

Saturday, October 27th

**Female Clergy Lunch**

(We invite female clergy in the Ohio Conference to meet monthly for lunch, fellowship, sharing of resources and support.)

We plan to meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month in the Columbus area.

Our next gathering is:

August 28th  
at 11:30 at  
the Ikea restaurant (I 71- Gemini Exit).

**Calendar of Prayer**

**August 5, 2018**

The Oasis, a Faith Community of the UCC,  
Pataskala/Reynoldsburg

**August 12, 2018**

CSEOA Department for  
Church and Authorized Ministry

**August 19, 2018**

Orchard Hill UCC, Chillicothe

**August 26, 2018**

Radnor Congregational UCC, Radnor



## **Central Southeast Ohio Association welcomes Rev. Jim Nolan as our new Administrative Minister**

Please welcome the Central Southeast Ohio Association's new Administrative Minister, Rev. James Nolan! The Personnel Committee and the Association Council are excited about the gifts and energy Jim brings to this position.

A native of Fort Wayne, Indiana, he is happily married to his high school sweetheart, Cami. Between them they have seven children and 18 grandchildren. Jim is a graduate of Indiana University (and still a diehard Hoosier basketball fan) with a bachelor's in journalism, an MBA from Colorado State and a master of divinity from Lancaster Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania.

He spent nearly four decades as an award-winning journalist/editor and publishing executive at big city newspapers (Miami, Atlanta, Los Angeles, Denver) before trading in pen for pulpit as a United Church of Christ pastor. Before relocating back to Columbus, Jim served churches in Fairview Heights, IL and Wadsworth, OH. Between his experience in business, his love of the church and his eagerness to take on new challenges Jim has much to offer the Association. We are grateful his journey has led him here.

Jim started with us on July 16<sup>th</sup>. During the week, Jim will be available Monday through Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. He may be reached by email at [jimn@ocucc.org](mailto:jimn@ocucc.org), through the main Association number, 614-885-0722, ext 212 or on his cell, 614-716-8519. After he settles into his new duties, Jim plans to be available for guest preaching requests.



**Soon to be Ordained!**

**Council has approved  
DPAM  
recommendations to  
ordain...**

**Nick Knoblauch**

Sunday, September 9th at 4 pm  
St John's, Columbus

**Joanna Samuelson**

Saturday, October 20th at 2p  
North Congregational, Columbus

**Beth Staten**

Saturday, September 22nd at 10:30a  
Sponsored by Move United  
at Zion UCC in Delaware

**Congratulations!**

**GRACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
1226 Shady Lane Road  
Columbus, OH 43227

**Plan to Stop by Our**

**“Trash to Treasure”  
Rummage Sale  
Fundraiser**



August 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Hot Dogs, Home Baked Cookies, and  
Drinks will be  
On Sale

The Sale is located in the Parsonage  
Fundraiser Proceeds will go towards our Building Fund

## **Spiritual Care Addiction Training Understanding Addiction: How You Can Help**

Free Training Workshop for Clergy, Chaplains and Other Pastoral Care Ministers  
Thursday, August 16th  
8:30a-4p (lunch included)  
Genesis HealthPlex, Zanesville Ohio

[Read More and Find Out how to Register HERE](#)



## **Dr. Ira Byock to keynote third annual Symposium of United Church Homes**

**Ruth Frost Parker Center for  
Abundant Aging  
October 12th, 9:30a-3p**

Dr. Ira Byock, a leading palliative care physician, author and public advocate for improving care through the end of life, will share two keynote addresses during the third annual Symposium of United Church Homes' Ruth Frost Parker Center for Abundant Aging.

The Symposium is slated for 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Oct. 12 at Marriott Columbus University Area, 3100 Olentangy River Road, Columbus.

[READ MORE HERE](#)



## **UCH Housing supporters honored at Donor Appreciation Dinner**

[Read More Here](#)



## Ohio Conference Visioning Team Update



### **New Vision Team Documents**

The Wider Church Visioning Team has released a brief update of its work following the Conference-wide listening sessions. You will find the update and a draft of a purpose, vision, and mission statement on the Ohio Conference website under the tab "A New Vision." The new documents are listed near the top of that page (also linked below) under "Association Meeting Documents."

[Click Here to View](#)

[View Vision Team Proposal HERE](#)

## Your Vote Counts



### **A Reflection from Interim Conference Minister John Gantt**

Here is a link to explore:

[http://www.ucc.org/ucc\\_constitution\\_and\\_bylaws](http://www.ucc.org/ucc_constitution_and_bylaws)

[See Proposed By-Law Changes HERE](#)

It leads to the Constitution and by-laws of the United Church of Christ. Delegates and authorized ministers will vote to approve - or not - changes to the Constitution of the denomination.

The vote will be requested at the Ohio Conference Annual Gathering September 28-29, 2018. Here's the process:

[Read More](#)

## **Ohio Conference Bylaws Information for Annual Gathering**

Delegates to the Ohio Conference Annual Gathering have a unique opportunity on September 28-29, 2018.

There will be an opportunity to vote on amendments to the United Church of Christ Constitution and on amendments to the Ohio Conference Constitution and bylaws.

Members of the Eastern Ohio Association and the Western Reserve Association have worked patiently and diligently for several years to reshape the ministry of the two Associations. In those years they have combined staff, office location, and adjusted policies and practices so that administration and services of the two Associations function as one Association.

[Read More](#)



**Ohio Conference Annual Gathering  
September 28-29 Westerville Community UCC  
Invitation From Ken Medema  
See and Hear more from Ken at the  
Gathering!**





## Churches Currently in Transition....

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





### **UCC DESK CALENDAR 2019**

One free calendar is shipped to each church and all retired clergy.\*

This popular, 18-month (July 2018 - December 2019) planning calendar for the UCC is 8.5" x 11" and spiral-bound. Includes:

- Complete lectionary readings for every Sunday
- Special mission offering dates
- Special observances
- Directory of national staff

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\*Retired clergy: please check with your Conference if you don't receive one.

## **UCC Series: History, Theology and Polity for Congregations and Committees**



Each learning session includes a facilitator guide, video, resources, and activities to help folks explore the unique history, governance structure, and theological commitments of the UCC. You can access all the lessons and resources through this site, as well as download any files you need.

The complete facilitator guide is also available for purchase.

[Click HERE to Explore](#)

# "Everyday Virtue" a devotion by, Richard L. Floyd



*"The Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'"* - Luke 15:2

I was never really sure I loved Jesus. Or maybe I was never sure what that meant, to say "I love Jesus."

It certainly sounded like something I should do, something I ought to feel.

But when I thought about loving Jesus I always saw those Sunday School paintings of a radiant white knight of perfect piety. I did not warm to that Jesus. And hymns like "Oh How I Love Jesus" thrust me back into Summer Vacation Bible School at the huge, neighborhood Baptist Church where I wanted to fit in, but just couldn't pull it off.

There was something just a little smarmy about it all. As if saying, "I love Jesus" were the password to an exclusive club.

But Jesus in the Bible, here in Luke 15 for example, is something else again.

This Jesus irritated people because he didn't buy their confident distinction between the righteous and unrighteous, saint and sinner, clean and unclean. He doesn't seem disgusted by anyone at all (well, except maybe the self-righteous). For him those categories, which mean so much to us, seem strangely irrelevant.

For him, as the writer Francis Spufford puts it, "being unclean is not a temporary violation of the proper state of things. It is the normal human condition."

So Jesus, despite what the Pharisees and scribes thought, always ate with sinners. There's no one else to eat with.

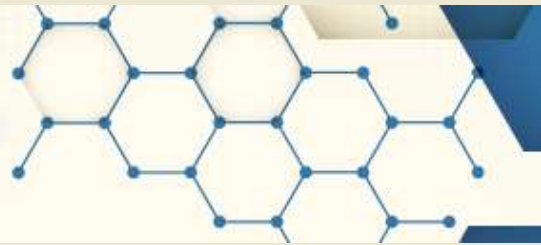
This Jesus I love.

And it helps that there aren't pictures. None of them do him justice.

## **Prayer**

**Thank you, God, for Jesus, who doesn't see things the way we do. Amen.**

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**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...

**July - Inviting Informing and Including Newcomers**

**August - How to Raise Money for Your Community Projects**



[COM Training online](#)

[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?](#)

[NEW UCC Ministerial Code](#)

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