

**Central Southeast Ohio Association,
Ohio Conference
August 15, 2018**



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CSEmail Newsletter

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The Association Office is open Monday through Thursday from 9:30a - 2:30p.
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 debras@ocucc.org by Friday at 4:30p
Submit photos in jpeg, png format please.



Quick Links

2018 Calendar of Events

**CSE Authorized
Clergy and MID
Directory**

**CSE Pulpit Supply
List**

CSE Church

Council Meeting

Saturday, September 8th
9:30a-12:30p
CSEOA Office

DCAM Meeting

Saturday, October 13th
1p
Grace UCC, Lancaster

DPAM Meeting

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

Directory

**CSE Departments,
Council and
Committees**

**2018 Calendar of
Prayer**

**MESA COM &
MOM Information
and Manuals**

**2018 Online
Training for COM**

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Website**

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 19, 2018

Orchard Hill UCC, Chillicothe

August 26, 2018

Radnor Congregational UCC, Radnor

Commentaries, Anyone?



In sorting through piles of files in the office, we have discovered a couple of boxes of old commentaries (including a full Interpreter's Bible set from 1956), old hymnals and other miscellaneous books on theology. If any of this sparks your curiosity, please stop by the office any Monday-through-Thursday morning over the next two weeks and take whatever interests you. Otherwise, all this wisdom will be donated or recycled by the end of the month. Any questions, call Jim at 614-716-8519.



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!

2nd Quarter Financial Report For CSEOA



Your association continues in good overall financial condition.

Gifts

Gifts are 74.1% of budget. While this is about the same as our position at this time last year, and we are actually about \$1K ahead of last year, historically we should be closer to 90% at this time (although last year we exceeded budget by the end of the year). This is of some concern. Of note is that there are about a half dozen churches that typically have made gifts by this time from whom no contribution has been received as of this date. Your association will appreciate your checking with your church treasurer to ensure that you are on track with your intended OCWM gift for 2018. I will continue to monitor this through the summer, and report progress as available. We are grateful to God and to you and your congregations for your sustaining gifts to your association.

Expenses

Expenses are 78.3% of budget. We are ordinarily closer to 100%. The reduced expenses are primarily associated with temporarily unfilled positions associated with staff turnover. As these positions are filled (and our new Administrative Minister came on board in mid-July, as an example), and expenses associated with these positions are restored, the expense ratio will rise between now and the end of the year.

We have 4.2 months of cash in the bank, so continue to be healthy there. This is obviously a function of reduced expenses against revenues, even though revenues are lower. Were expenses closer to the usual 100% at this point in time, our cash position would be quite different. While this is not a concern for the current year, it will be a concern in future years if the seasonality of giving does not improve, or if there is some significant change in the annual level of gifts from congregations. (Some concern).

As always, do contact me directly if questions or concerns at jyutzey@columbus.rr.com or 614-457-6406.

Peace and best,

Jay Yutzey
Treasurer

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](#)



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

[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**



Read More and Register Here NOW!



United Nations International Affairs Seminar For Christian Youth February 22 - March 2, 2019

The United Nations International Affairs Seminar for Youth challenges youth to learn about international affairs and U.S. foreign policy through study, discussion and presentations in the United Nations Center in New York City and Washington, D.C. It seeks to encourage faith-based critical thinking and reflection through prayer, worship, discussion and community building.

READ MORE AND APPLY HERE

Churches Currently in Transition....

- **Heidelberg UCC, Stoutsville** is in the process of beginning their search for a new minister.
- **David's UCC, Canal Winchester** is in 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

Pre-Order your 2018-19 Desk Calendar [Here](#)

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

"No Fear" a devotion by, Vicki Kemper



"There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear..." - 1 John 4:18a

After looping my dog's leash around a post, I stepped into a shop for a cup of tea. The next thing I knew, Scout was flying down the street at a dead run, the post bouncing behind her. I couldn't tell if she was chasing something or she herself was being chased, but she looked to be running scared.

In these chaotic days of executive orders and marches, policy changes and protests, immigration raids and rapid response networks, I see frenzied, almost non-stop activity. I look around at people I love and respect—social justice veterans, enraged youth, terrified immigrants, despairing LGBTQ folks, wary Muslims, first-time activists—and sometimes wonder if we are all running scared.

What motivates our throes of civic action? What generates our columns of resistance? What galvanizes me to action?

Is it hatred of "the other side," anxiety about what might happen, an all-too- legitimate fear that we or others we care about will be harmed? Is it a passion for justice, concern for the least and the lost, love for the God of the poor? Most days it seems to be a mighty mix of all of that.

Jesus was forever telling his followers not to be afraid, and yet there was—and there is—much to fear. What he really meant, I think, had less to do with feeling than action. "I understand that you are afraid," he might have said, "but don't live out of your fears. Instead, let love be your fuel."

Prayer

**Take away my fear, Rebel Jesus. May it be love that drives my holy resistance.
Let it be love that keeps me going.**



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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...

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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