

**Central Southeast Ohio Association,
Ohio Conference
August 22, 2018**



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
God is still speaking,

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**

**CSEOA
Website**

MTSO

**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).

Gen Silent Group Meeting

Thursday, August 23rd

6:30p

North Congregational UCC

2040 Henderson Rd, Columbus

(please park in the back lot and enter through double doors)

Calendar of Prayer

August 26, 2018

Radnor Congregational UCC, Radnor

**Giving Voice to LGBTQ
Older Adults Conference
GEN SILENT**



The 'Giving Voice' to LGBTQ Older Adults Program/Conference last April was a wonderful success. Since then the Gen Silent Group has been planning the next step in bringing our ministry of older adult care

awareness to our congregations.

The group is open to anyone who shares an interest in care ministries.

The next meeting is Thursday, Aug. 23rd at 6:00p

North Congregational UCC

2040 Henderson Rd Columbus, 43220

Please park in the back lot and enter thru the double glass doors.

Join Us.

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.

It's Stewardship Time!



Get your UCC Stewardship Resources [HERE](#)



Concert for a Cause, Women in Sanctuary

Sunday, September 2 at 7:30p

NORTH CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

2040 HENDERSON ROAD | COLUMBUS, OH 43220

\$20 ADULTS | \$40 FAMILIES | UNDER 16 FREE

BARBEQUE PICNIC AT 5:30PM

with music by the Columbus Folk Music Society

ADDITIONAL DONATIONS ACCEPTED | TICKETS AT DOOR

[See MORE Here](#)



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!



**Central Southeast Ohio Association in
Partnership with
Global Ministries,
Christian Mission of Nicaragua**

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REGISTER TODAY FOR THE

LABOR DAY FAMILY CAMP!



September 1-3

**Families
Templed Hills**

Cost:

Ages 12+: \$161

Ages 2-11: \$ 98

[Details and REGISTER 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](#)

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 Worries" a devotion by, Christina Villa



"Josiah broke down the sacred poles and the carved and the cast images; he made dust of them and scattered it over the graves of those who had sacrificed to them. He also burned the bones of the priests on their altars and demolished all the incense altars throughout all the land of Israel." - 2 Chronicles 34:1-7

Josiah was one of the kings of Judah and an ancestor of Jesus, according to the genealogy in the gospel

of Matthew. He was known for his great loyalty to Jehovah, which today's scripture illustrates with a vivid description of him routing out false gods, destroying pagan images, and burning priests' bones on their own altars. He didn't stop until he had "demolished all the incense altars throughout all the land of Israel."

I know all this is supposed to make Josiah one of the good guys in the Bible. But his approach to things reminds me of how easily and often we over-respond to perceived threats.

As a world-class worrier myself, I can see the appeal of Josiah's method. How great would it be if you could just wipe out every trace of whatever is out there that threatens you? The trouble is that no sooner is one worry eliminated, one false god demolished, than another one springs up to take its place.

After a while, it's pretty clear that some of us need something, anything, to be afraid of.

Do our serial worries actually function as false gods? Do we find our only comfort in eliminating or destroying them? Only to find ourselves fixated on yet another one? Do we really want to spend our lives worshipping what we fear—with a break on Sunday to distract us?

Prayer

Dear God, let every day have at least a little Sunday in it. Amen.



[Click Here to view August Newsletter](#)



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**



[COM Training online](#)

[Constitution and By Laws Adopted
10-25-14](#)

[CSEOA Vision - Future Story 2020](#)

Community Projects

[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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