

**Central Southeast Ohio Association,
Ohio Conference
August 8, 2018**



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The Association Office is open on Tuesdays from 10a - 1p or by appointment.
I will normally respond to your phone/email messages
within 24 hours of receipt Monday through Thursday. Messages are not checked Friday - Sunday
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



Quick Links

2018 Calendar of Events

**CSE Authorized
Clergy and MID
Directory**

**CSE Pulpit Supply
List**

Council Meeting

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

DCAM Meeting

Saturday, August 11th
1p
Grace UCC, Lancaster

**CSE Church
Directory**

**CSE Departments,
Council and
Committees**

**2018 Calendar of
Prayer**

**MESA COM &
MOM Information
and Manuals**

**2018 Online
Training for COM**

**CSEOA
Website**

DPAM Meeting

Tuesday, September 11th
9:30a-4:00p
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 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 16th. 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, 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!

**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

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Plan to Stop by Our

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



August 10th and 11th
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

[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.



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](https://www.ucc.org/exploring_ucc_polity)

"Joy as Resistance" a devotion by, Emily C. Heath



"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." - Philippians 4:4,7

Alice Walker once wrote that "Resistance is the secret of joy!" I believe that. I also believe that it's inversely true as well: Joy can be resistance to the forces that would destroy us.

As a young activist I believed that it was irresponsible to be joyful while injustice flourished in the world. Happiness felt almost sinful while others suffered.

Later in life I learned that it wasn't my responsibility to fix everything. And I also learned a lot about joy. I learned that though this world will always be imperfect there are often moments of extraordinary beauty and grace that require nothing less than our abundant joy.

Paul wrote to the church in Philippi and told them to "rejoice." It's worth noting that he was likely writing his letter from a jail cell. If anyone had reason not to be joyful, it was Paul. And yet, even in the midst of injustice, he found reasons for joy, and evidence of God's peace.

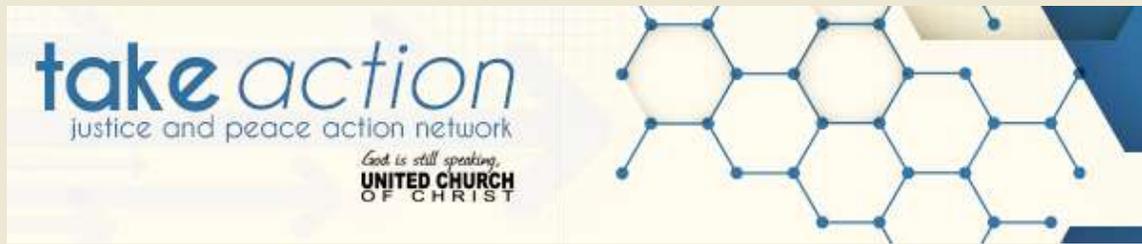
If that isn't resistance to the forces of evil in this world, I don't know what is.

Alice Walker wrote in *The Color Purple*, "I think it pisses God off if you walk by the color purple in a field

somewhere and don't notice it." My guess is it also pisses God off when we don't notice the goodness in our lives, and give God our joy.

Prayer

God, help me to be a joyful resister of whatever would distract me from the signs of your goodness.



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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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