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
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
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, 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
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.
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

"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

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**Quicklinks**

- **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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All UCC LOGOs are Available Here