

**Central Southeast Ohio Association,  
Ohio Conference  
September 12, 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](mailto: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  
Directory**

**Council Meeting**

Saturday, October 13th  
9:30a-12:30p  
Association Office

**DCAM Meeting**

Saturday, October 13th  
1p  
Grace UCC, Lancaster

**DPAM Meeting**

Wednesday, October 10th  
9:30a-3:30p  
David's UCC, Canal Winchester

**Ohio Conference  
Annual Gathering**

**CSE Departments,  
Council and  
Committees**

**2018 Calendar of  
Prayer**

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Website**

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:

September 25th

at 11:30 at

the Ikea restaurant (I 71- Gemini Exit).

### **Calendar of Prayer**

#### **September 16, 2018**

St. John's UCC, Newark

#### **September 23, 2018**

St. Michael UCC, Baltimore

#### **September 30, 2018**

St. Paul UCC, Columbus

## **A Note of Apology**

Please accept my humble apologies. I submitted a resource that at first glance seemed a good reference and have been corrected. The resource has been removed and I humbly request your forgiveness in this.

Sincerely,

Debra A Smetts

Office Administrator and Newsletter Editor  
Central Southeast Ohio Association of the Ohio Conference.



# Central Southeast Ohio Association 55th Annual Fall Meeting

## We Will Gather in Christ

**Saturday, October 27th  
Zion Reformed  
United Church of Christ  
8000 High Point Rd  
Thornville, Ohio 43076  
9:30a-12:30p**



## Nominations Needed For:

**Below is a correction, The punctuation in the last Newsletter would have sounded like we needed just 2 clergy men. My apologies.**

The nominating committee is in need of the following to serve as a General Synod Delegate to be held next year in Milwaukee Wisconsin: 2 clergy men, 1 delegate under age 19, and 1 age 19-29. Also needed is a lay person interested in serving as Vice Moderator.

If you or someone you know is interested, please contact the chair of the nominating committee, Rev. Melodie Rezac 740-503-4803 or [rezac.melodie@gmail.com](mailto:rezac.melodie@gmail.com).

**[Click HERE to see the 2019 Proposed Budget](#)**

**[Click HERE to view Proposal 1 Amendment to the BYLAWS of the CSEOA](#)**

**[Click HERE to view Proposal 2 Amendment to the BYLAWS of the CSEOA](#)**

[Current Constitution/Bylaws can be Viewed HERE](#)

## Introduction to Appreciative Inquiry



Christian Church in Ohio  
(Disciples of Christ)  
Ohio Conference United Church of Christ



Ohio's **Interim Ministry Working Group** presents *another* quality  
**Workshop** for Pastors both **Interim** and **Settled**

**Building on Assets Rather Than Fixing the Deficits/Problems**  
**Monday, October 29, 2018 / 9:30a - 3:45p**  
**Dublin Community Church UCC**  
**81 West Bridge St, Dublin OH**

[Register Online HERE](#)

[View Details HERE](#)



**Soon to be Ordained!**

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

**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



## Love of Neighbor



- Bulletin Covers (PDF download only)
- Activity Book (PDF download only)

All supplies are free and shipped directly to you free of charge.  
Digital resources can be downloaded at [www.ucc.org/nin](http://www.ucc.org/nin).

Greetings,  
We invite you to join the call to participate in the Neighbors in Need Offering! The suggested offering date is Sunday, October 7th. Please visit [UCC Resources](#) to find everything your congregation needs for a successful offering:

- 11x17 Poster
- Leader's Guide
- Offering Envelopes
- Bulletin Inserts (PDF download only)



## Fall Lantern Fellowship

## Women's Retreat September 21-23 at Templed Hills Camp



### 2018 Fall Program; Three Great Loves: A Just World For All

Planned twice each year by women from the Ohio Conference of the United Church of Christ, Lantern Fellowship is a time when women of all generations come together to enjoy faith, fun, and fellowship in the peaceful beauty of wooded hills and trails where the spirit can find renewal. The planning team hopes you will invite a few friends to share in the wonderful experience of Lantern Fellowship.

[Details and Registration Form Here](#)

## Your Vote Counts



[See Current UCC Constitution and By-Laws HERE](#)

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

The vote will be requested at the Ohio Conference Annual Gathering September 28-29, 2018.

[Here](#) is a summary of the Vision Team report for discussion at the Annual Gathering.

## Ohio Conference Annual Gathering September 28-29 Westerville Community UCC



**Read More and Register Here NOW!**



## An Introduction and Invitation Meet Rev. David Long-Higgins and Join Us at Annual Gathering!

Click the video link to the left to learn more about our new Transitional Conference Minister, Rev. David Long-Higgins, and to learn more about Annual Gathering!

**United Church Homes 2018 Annual Symposium**  
**Marriott Columbus University Area**  
**3100 Olentangy River Road,**  
**Columbus OH 43202**  
**9:30a-3p Registration begins at 8:30a**

**Keynote Speaker Dr. Ira Byock**

**Featuring an afternoon panel:**  
**Interfaith Perspectives on End of Life**

[Register ONLINE HERE](#)



## **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. Application Deadline is December 12th.

[READ MORE AND APPLY HERE](#)

## **Churches Currently in Transition....**

- **Heidelberg UCC, Stoutsville** is in the process of searching 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.

## "Holy Habitations" a devotion by, Donna Schaper



*"...Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." - John 2:19*

Are church buildings an asset or a liability? Are they attracting our offspring or driving them away or a little bit of both?

What are dilapidated religious buildings telling us about God or who we think God is? Do we need places to pray now that we have the internet and podcasts? What might it mean about God if we adapted our buildings for multiple uses and prepared ourselves for new revelation by inhabiting our so-called holy habitations differently? What new revelations and micro-theologies will emerge once the buildings are altered? In what terms are our buildings assets or liabilities or both?

What if we gave free childcare and a candlelit meal every Friday night to beleaguered working parents of young children? What would that signal about who owns our buildings – us or the community we hope to serve?

What if weekdays our internet and copying machines were used by people doing startup businesses? People could work out of a chair in our Sunday School Rooms. They could also take coffee breaks with the church staff.

What if we had worship services for opioid users on occasions when the congregation wasn't using the sanctuary? Or early morning sober dancing for people who can't risk a bar anymore?

We do want our children to have a fluid temple in their lives. Hopefully the ways we use our buildings raise up our communities and children instead of destroying them.

### **Prayer**

**Help us to imagine a new way that so loves the old ways that they survive and thrive. Amen.**



[Click Here to view September 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...

**[September](#) - Checking Up on Clergy Health**  
Assessing the Cost of Sacred Work



[COM Training online](#)

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

[CSEOA Vision - Future Story 2020](#)

[CSEOA Strategic Plan 2013-2020](#)

**October - Don't Disagree, Deliberate**

How to Lead Community Conversations in Your Church

**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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