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

- 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

MESA COM & MOM Information and Manuals

MOM/COM Zoom Training Registration

2018 Online Training for COM

CSEOA 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 30, 2018
St. Paul UCC, Columbus

Continued prayers for the families who have suffered the recent loss of a loved one:
The family of Rev. Robert L. Settlage
Rev. Patricia Battle and her family at the loss of her father, Mr. Morris Holland
Rev. Barbara Murray at the recent loss of her son, Jeffery Murray

Central Southeast Ohio Association
55th Annual Fall Meeting
Saturday, October 27th
9:30a-12:30p

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

Christ’s Church: #betтерtоgether

“I am the Vine, you are the branches. When you’re joined with me and I with you, the relation intimate and organic, the harvest is sure to be abundant. Separated, you can’t produce a thing.” – John 15: 5-8 (MSG)

Click HERE to see the Meeting Agenda

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

REGISTER NOW

Please note:
Do NOT trust a GPS in Perry County. It is best to print off directions.

Directions from Columbus: 70E to OH 13 Exit 132 Newark/Thornville, turn right and follow OH 13 for 6.3 miles to High Point Rd, turn left. The church is at the top of the hill.

---

A Reminder from DCAM

The Department for Church and Authorized Ministry is required to perform an annual information review of all authorized ministers (and members-in-discernment) with standing in the Association. If you are a MID (member-in-discernment) or an active or retired authorized minister (ordained, commissioned, or licensed), you should have received the appropriate form in the mail with the deadline of July 8 for its return.

Thank you to all who have responded with their completed forms.

For those who have misplaced the form (or who would simply prefer to do it online and get it over with), we are pleased to report that we now offer an online option for providing the info the department needs.

If you are a MID, you can fill out the form at [https://goo.gl/forms/hXmwZUVT5opSLCWr2](https://goo.gl/forms/hXmwZUVT5opSLCWr2).

Retired authorized ministers can fill out the form at [https://goo.gl/forms/cE59soTmJdSSy3202](https://goo.gl/forms/cE59soTmJdSSy3202).

Active authorized ministers can fill out the form at [https://goo.gl/forms/d9MK9dGZw6SGyJMc1](https://goo.gl/forms/d9MK9dGZw6SGyJMc1).

We appreciate your assistance.

---Jim Clausing
Vice-chair, Department for Church and Authorized Ministry

---

UCC Disaster Ministries
Have you been moved by the terrible storm and flood damage images coming out of the Carolinas and Virginia? Have you wondered how you and/or your church can help? The national disaster relief office of the United Church of Christ has ways to respond appropriately. Check out these links:

- For a direct giving link: [https://transactions.ucc.org/CampaignForm/UCChrist/2018+Hurricane+Relief](https://transactions.ucc.org/CampaignForm/UCChrist/2018+Hurricane+Relief).
- For “hands on” suggestions, visit [http://www.ucc.org/disaster_2018_matching_grants_for_cws_kits_home_page](http://www.ucc.org/disaster_2018_matching_grants_for_cws_kits_home_page) to learn how your church can build clean-up kits to ship to the affected area.

If your church or group organizes a special effort, let us know and we’ll share your inspiration with the rest of Central Southeast.

---

**Anti-racism Training**
**Boundary Training**
**November 10, 2018**
Anti-Racism Training/ Boundary Training.....

When: Nov 10, 2018
Where: The Carlisle Building Community Room
      9 S. Paint Street
      Chillicothe, OH 45601
      Parking is either street parking or the public lot at 5 W. Fourth Street
Time: **Boundary Training** 9-12 AM  Snacks provided by Orchard Hill UCC
      **Anti- Racism Training** 1:30-5PM  Snacks provided by Orchard Hill UCC
Leader:  Rev. Kay Albright
Cost: $20 at the door.
Lunch is on your own.

Registration Coming Soon!

If you haven't had boundary and Anti- racism training in the last 5 years, this is for you! If you don't know, then this is for you! If you just want to learn more, this is for you! Come and fellowship and learn with your colleagues in ministry.

[REGISTER NOW!](#)
Introduction to Appreciative Inquiry

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
INTERIM MINISTRY NETWORK TRAINING OPPORTUNITY IN OHIO

This from the IMN - November 13th thru 15th Radisson Gateway in Cleveland, OH
Managing change is a skill, not a talent. A skill that we know how to develop. We are the Interim Ministry Network. For over 35 years we have been training and certifying clergy to serve congregations in times of transition.

Our programs are led by experienced pastors and academics. Your nominees would receive training and mentoring in topics such as grief management, conflict resolution, organizational development, transitional processes and the latest in new ideas and practices to help congregations through the critical times of transitional ministry.

The Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry is a three day self-contained course devoted to the specific skills needed by the pastor of a congregation undergoing significant change. We will have a Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry course in your area November 13-15, 2018 at the Radisson Gateway in Cleveland, OHIO. The tuition fee is $740.00 (includes a one year membership to the Interim Ministry Network) and housing with meals is an additional cost.

Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry is designed for those members of your clergy and other church leaders who are facing the special needs of an interim pastor managing a church when it is between permanent pastors or a settled pastor or lay leader handling a congregation undergoing significant change.

If you know that having clergy with these specialized skills will be valuable to you in the coming year, encourage your clergy to attend. Send your staff. Or come yourself.

Visit [www.imnedu.org](http://www.imnedu.org)
Register [HERE](http://www.imnedu.org)

Thank you,

Ellen M. Goudy
Soon to be Ordained!

Council has approved DPAM recommendations to ordain...

Joanna Samuelson
Saturday, October 20th at 2p
North Congregational, Columbus

Love of Neighbor

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

All supplies are free and shipped directly to you free of charge.
Digital resources can be downloaded at www.ucc.org/nin.
Use this Activity Book with your congregation, family, friends, and neighbors. Share your artwork on social media and don't forget to tag @unitedchurchofchrist and #UCCNIN18
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
Mariott Columbus University Area
3100 Olentangy River Road,
Columbus OH 43202
Friday, October 12th
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

Ruth Frost Parker Center for Abundant Aging
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.
- **Grace UCC, Lancaster** 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

Pre-Order your 2018-19 Desk Calendar Here

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

"Genre"
a devotion by,
Quinn G. Caldwell

"Happy is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in God's ways. You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you." - Psalm 128:1-2

I have a mentor and colleague who, every time somebody asks her about reading or studying the Bible, says, "Genre matters." For her (and for me), that's the most important thing you need to know if you're going to read the Bible. If you're reading poetry, but reading it as if it were history, those metaphors are really going to mess with your understanding of the past. If you read a creation myth as if it were biology, you might end up wanting to create some bizarre Creation Museum somewhere. Read a letter between colleagues as if it was a statute, and you might end up wanting to impose some pretty messed-up rules on the people around you.

Same with the Psalms. You might read the lines above and think they're some sort of promise from God: you'll always be happy if you walk in all God's ways. From there, you might assume the inverse is true, too: if you're not happy, it must be because you're misbehaving and don't love God. And yet, you're a smart person who knows that it is totally possible to love God, follow all God's rules, and still be unhappy from time to time. What, then? Is God wrong? Are God's promises not to be trusted?

Or maybe you just have the genre wrong.

Not to mention the author and the narrator. The Psalms aren't God speaking to humans; they're
humans speaking to God or, as in this case, each other. And while the people doing the speaking might be very very holy, and the things they say might be informed by God's promises, those things are not actually God making you promises.

Which makes me, at least, feel better about the whole thing, because the sentiment in Psalm 128 is overreaching and frankly incorrect. God being untrustworthy in the promises God makes is a terrible thing to contemplate. But I can easily imagine religious people being wrong in the things they say about God.

I mean, I've probably done it twice in this devotion alone.

Prayer
O God, let me always trust in your promises—and question your people. Amen.
How Do I Transfer My Standing?

NEW UCC Ministerial Code

Staff Contacts

**Debbie Smetts,**
Association Office Administrator  
Central Southeast Ohio Association  
6161 Busch Blvd., Suite 100  
Columbus, Ohio 43229-2547  
614-885-0722 Ext. 218  
Toll Free: 800-282-0740 Ext. 218  
Fax: 614-885-8824  
Email: debras@ocucc.org

**Reverend Patricia E. H. Battle,**  
Association Pastor  
Office Hours by Appointment  
Email: patriciab@ocucc.org  
Call or Text: 614-531-8240

**Reverend Jim Nolan,**  
Association Administrative Minister  
Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:30a-2:30p  
Office: 614-885-0722 Ext. 212  
Office: Toll Free: 800-282-0740 Ext. 212  
Email: jimm@ocucc.org  
Call or Text: 614-716-8519

**Joan Davidson,**  
Association Registrar  
Email: joand@ocucc.org  
Cell: 419-934-3713
ABOUT THE NEW LOGO

All UCC LOGOs are Available Here

Facebook  Twitter