

**Central Southeast Ohio Association,  
Ohio Conference  
September 26, 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**

**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: #bettertogether**

*"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>.

Retired authorized ministers can fill out the form at  
<https://goo.gl/forms/cE59soTmJdSSy3202>.

Active authorized ministers can fill out the form at  
<https://goo.gl/forms/d9MK9dGZw6SGyJMq1>.

We appreciate your assistance.

---Jim Clausung  
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 general information, go to the 2018 Hurricane Info Page: [http://www.ucc.org/hurricanes\\_2018\\_ucc\\_response](http://www.ucc.org/hurricanes_2018_ucc_response).
- For a direct giving link: <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!**

SEPTEMBER 30TH  
11:30 AM



Dr. Ravi Tripathi from  
OSU Wexner Medical Center

Dr. Ravi Tripathi is one of a growing number  
of physicians who see the benefits  
of plant-based diets.

David's UCC  
80 W. Columbus Street  
Canal Winchester, Ohio 43110

## 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](#)

## **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](#)

Thank you,  
Ellen M. Goudy



Education and Membership Manager



**Soon to be Ordained!**

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

**Joanna Samuelson**

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

## Love of Neighbor



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

All supplies are free and shipped directly to you free of charge.

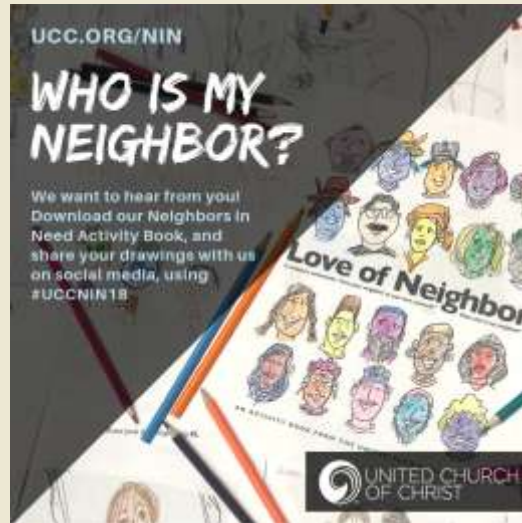
Digital resources can be downloaded at [www.ucc.org/nin](http://www.ucc.org/nin).

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



[Download Activity Book HERE](#)

**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**

**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  
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](#)





## 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
- **Grace UCC, Lancaster** is in the process of beginning their search for a new minister.

 **UCC RESOURCES**  
the hub for all things UCC



### 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.**



[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

**October - Don't Disagree, Deliberate**  
How to Lead Community Conversations in Your Church



[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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