Central Southeast Ohio Association,
Ohio Conference
October 10, 2018

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The Association Office is open Tuesday from 10:00a - 1:00p or by appointment.
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

CSE Authorized Clergy and MID Directory

CSE Pulpit Supply List

CSE Church Directory

Council Meeting
No Meeting in October

DCAM Meeting
Saturday, October 13th
1p
Grace UCC, Lancaster

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

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:
October 23rd, 2018
at 11:30 at
the Ikea restaurant (I 71- Gemini Exit).

Calendar of Prayer

October 14, 2018
St. Paul's UCC, Glenford

October 21, 2018
Second Congregational UCC, Marietta

October 28, 2018
CSEOA Association Council

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

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.

REGISTER NOW

Choral and Piano Music Available to You

Two nationally known composers of church music, John Carter and his wife, Mary Kay Beall Carter, are downsizing and have to dispose of a substantial amount of choral and piano music. It is music given to them by their publishers over the years and consequently it cannot be sold. But it can be given away.
This music . . . just under 50 anthems (multiple copies of each) and about 60 volumes of piano music, mostly hymn arrangements for intermediate pianists . . . . will be displayed on a table at our Association Fall Meeting on October 27. It will be there for you to take. Some of the anthems are arranged for unison voices, some for two parts, or three parts, making them very useful for smaller choirs. There are also SATB anthems.

If you have any questions about this, call Nancy Livingston (618-973-6742 – cell).

See the list of available music HERE

Soon to be Ordained!
Joanna Samuelson
Saturday, October 20th at 2p
North Congregational, Columbus

You are cordially Invited to the Dedication and Celebration of the Washington Gladden Social Justice Park

Sunday, October 28th at 2:00p
Corner of East Broad Street and Cleveland Ave
Columbus, Ohio
Join Us for Change and Transition

CHANGE AND TRANSITION

"...in the dynamic process through which organisms grow and become, endings come first and beginnings come last." - From The Way of Transition by William Bridges

This concept of beginning with the ending seems backwards from our typical perspectives, yet it captures the heart of why transitions are so unnerving! Something has ended – died – and the new thing is not yet known. All of creation shows us this over and over: the fruit must die to release the seed; the seed must break open to allow the sprout to emerge, and so on. Even on the level of the cosmos, stars must die in order to create the elements for new life, new possibilities. The "new thing" arrives in its own mysterious timing – after the "in-between-times" of unsaying.

We humans would just as soon skip the in-between-times and just get to the new thing without delay!

We will look at some ways that we, as people of faith, can be present to the discomfort and anxiety during times of transition, and ultimately discover the hope and gratitude that transition brings.

AMANDA STONE CUSHING
WELLSTREAMS PROGRAM DIRECTOR
OCTOBER 28, 2018
11:30 AM

PLEASE BRING A POTLUCK DISH TO SHARE!

DAVID'S UCC
80 W. COLUMBUS STREET
CANAL WINCHESTER, OHIO 43110

Amanda Stone Cushing, Director of the Wellstreams Program of Formation and Training in the Art of Spiritual Direction, completed her training as a spiritual director in 1998 and has offered individual and group spiritual direction for 20 years as well small group and retreat facilitation.
Advent United Church of Christ
Invites you to the Installation Service of
Rev. Colin and Rev. Imani Jones
November 3, 2018 at 3:00p

The Central Southeast Ohio Association of the United Church of Christ cordially invites you to the Pastoral Installation Service of Rev. Colin and Rev. Imani Jones as pastors of Advent United Church of Christ. All clergy are invited to arrive by 2:30pm to robe and process. A reception will immediately follow the service.

Advent United Church of Christ
2303 N Cassady Ave
Columbus OH 43219

Job Posting for Position of Office Administrator to the Central Southeast Ohio Association

After much prayerful thought our Office Administrator, Debra Smetts, has decided not to renew her contract at the end of the year. We are grateful for all that Debbie has devoted to CSEOA. She has been a constant presence during a time of flux and uncertainty. Debbie, we offer you our blessings as you make more time for your family and yourself.

Below you will find a link to the job description for Association Office Administrator. Deadline to receive resumes is October 24th. Resumes and inquiries may be directed to:
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 Clausing
Vice-chair, Department for Church and Authorized Ministry
Friends,
The issue of copyright rights and materials used by congregations is one that we must pay serious attention. Heather Kimmel, the UCC National Legal Counsel has put together a YouTube video intended to offer clarification about the use of copyright material. Here is the link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BoP-m2c3HnE&feature=youtu.be.

Peace,
Rev. Dr. Felix C. Villanueva, PCC
Conference Minister,
UCC Southern California Nevada Conference
2401 N Lake Avenue
Altadena, CA 91001

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!

News from SONKA
Clergy Excellence Day!
Peace Literacy Workshop

November 2nd

We are excited to announce that on Friday, November 2nd, SONKA will be hosting Paul K. Chappell at Lakeview UCC in Maineville, Ohio as part of Clergy Excellence. This single-day SONKA workshop is open to EVERYONE, including church members and friends and covers a variety of Peace Literacy skills.

See the flyer here.

Paul K. Chappell is a West Point graduate, former army captain, and Iraq war veteran. Paul created Peace Literacy to help students and adults work toward their full potential and a more peaceful world.

Thank you.

Troy Donnerberg
Communications Coordinator
SONKA

Rev. Brooks Berndt,
The UCC Minister for Environmental Justice
Invites you to:
The UCC’s Date with Nature Photo Contest

From now until October 22nd, you can participate in the UCC’s Date with Nature Photo Contest. Celebrate your romance with nature by submitting a photo that captures your love of God’s creation. To make a submission, simply post your photo on Instagram using the hashtag #UCCDateWithNature. Contest rules can be found at: http://www.ucc.org/a_date_with_nature

Annual UCC Climate Survey

Where do members of the UCC stand on climate? For the second year, the UCC is partnering with Blessed Tomorrow to track the climate opinions of members through an online survey that allows us to compare where we stand with the rest of society. Take 15 minutes to help with this important measure. Find the survey here: http://bit.ly/2018ClimateSurvey

Rethink Veteran's Day
The Faith Community's Response

Monday, October 22, 2018
10a-12p
133 Gault Hall MTSO, 3081 Columbus Pike
Delaware Ohio 43015
Cost is $15 Payable at the door, cash or check

Liturgy program for Worship As:
A Time of Remembering - A Time of Honor - A Time of Reflection
A Time of Sacred Intention

For Worship Leaders, Clergy, Pastoral Care Professionals, Spiritual Care Providers and Students

Workshops will be provided.
Rev. Dr. John M. Schluep will speak
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
Register HERE

Thank you,
Ellen M. Goudy
Education and Membership Manager

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.

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**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.

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"The Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace"

a devotion by, John Dorhauer

"Therefore, live a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called...maintaining the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace." - Ephesians 4:1-3

In a world so prone to disunity, so intent on noticing the differences that appear between one person and another and exploiting that, you see the beauty in every human being.
You delight in the magnificent array of shade and shape, of culture and context, of personality and purpose and you give God thanks for it. You see the divine intent in endowing creation with wonder and whimsy.

I am inspired by your vision, an ability to see into the heart and soul of neighbor and fully embrace all that they claim as their own in search of an identity and a pathway. You cry at their suffering, you sing at their accomplishments, you rejoice at their pleasure, and you celebrate their triumph.

Your walk through life finds you cultivating deep appreciation for the way we arrange our lives in patterns whose variegations mystify and satisfy. No two people are alike, you say, and you wouldn't have it any other way.

I want to walk this way with you. I choose to be proud of who I am and how God made me, but will not expect anyone else to conform to my choices. I celebrate the unity of human community that such an orientation invites, and the possibility for lasting peace it engenders.

**Prayer**

**Holy One, whose breath inhabits every living being and whose hands have fashioned us in your image: may we live more fully and faithfully our call to be agents of peace, builders of unity, and sustainers of a human community bound together in mutual love and respect for all.**

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

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
ABOUT THE NEW LOGO

All UCC LOGOs are Available Here

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