

**Central Southeast Ohio Association,  
Ohio Conference  
October 17, 2018**



UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST  
God is still speaking,

**CSEmail Newsletter**

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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](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, November 10th

**DCAM Meeting**  
Saturday, November 10th  
1p  
Grace UCC, Lancaster

**DPAM Meeting**  
Wednesday, November 14th  
9:30a-3:30p  
David's UCC, Canal Winchester

**CSEOA Annual Fall Meeting**  
Saturday, October 27th

**Female Clergy Lunch**

**CSE Departments,  
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**2018 Calendar of  
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**CSEOA  
Website**

(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 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**

[READ MORE](#)

**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 Zen* 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-time' of unknowing.

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 as small group and retreat facilitation.

**First Congregational Church - Reminder  
Press Conference  
South Side of City Hall  
Thursday October 18th 10:30a**

Dear Colleagues,

Yesterday, 14 of your pastoral colleagues gathered at First Church and heard stunning and awful stories about the mistreatment of officers and citizens emanating from the Columbus Police Division. It was clear to the 14 men and women gathered in the room that this must end now. We made a commitment to sign on to seven expectations for change within the division in relation to minority police officers and to improve the interactions of police officers with community members.

Change must come now!

To this end, we are holding a press conference Thursday, October 18 at 10:30 a.m. on the South Side of City Hall (where Columbus' statue is). We will hold a 30-minute press conference followed by the delivery of our signed document to the Mayor and the Director of Safety. Meet at 10:15 to pray and get ourselves set.

I would like you to join us.

What we need is another 80 people present at this press conference. We need black, brown and white clergy. We need men and women. We need Jews, Christians, and Muslims. We need everyone there!

Can you join us?

Please spread the word. Get commitments. Show up.

Blessings to you all!

Tim

***Tim Ahrens***  
**The Rev. Dr. Timothy C. Ahrens**  
**Senior Minister**  
**First Congregational Church, UCC**  
**444 E. Broad St.**  
**Columbus, OH 43215**  
**Church: 614-228-1741 x 13**  
**Cell: 614-886-6765**  
**[tahrens@first-church.org](mailto:tahrens@first-church.org)**

**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

Pastors and Colleagues,  
Attached is the job description for Office Administrator of the Association. The Personnel Committee asks your help in making this position known to your congregations. We trust there is someone in our CSEOA midst that would find it a good opportunity for them. Please note the deadline is October 30, 2018.  
Thanks and Blessings,

Jill Dunlap  
Personnel Chair

**Deadline to receive resumes is extended to October 30th 2018.**

Resumes and inquiries may be directed to:

Jill Dunlap  
740-862-4222  
[jdunlap@rrohio.com](mailto:jdunlap@rrohio.com)



[View Job Description HERE](#)

## 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

## Clergy Compensation Guidelines 2019 Ohio Conference UCC

The clergy compensation guidelines for 2019 are in. They were approved at the conference meeting in September. We include them here for your budgeting process for next year.

[Download Guidelines HERE](#)



## Copyright Rights and Churches

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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

**[Register Here](#)**

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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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](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

[Details 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](#)

## Interim Ministry Training



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



## Special 3-Day Training to Become an Interim

Led by a panel of experienced Intentional Interim Ministers

Is your congregation at a threshold moment that could take it from surviving to thriving? This training could help you lead that transition. Ever thought of Interim Ministry as a calling? The Interim Ministry Working Group is holding the Fall 2018 training November 13-15 at Camp Christian in Marysville, OH. If you've ever thought you might be interested in Interim Ministry, you are invited to consider this training offered to all UCC and DoC clergy in Ohio. It will help you with your discernment and prepare you for that ministry.

[View Flier 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 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.

## "Naps of the Bible" a devotion by, Maren C. Tirabassi



*"So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work of creation." - Genesis 2:3*

Jacob ran, scared to death of his brother Esau who was ... huge. Exhausted in the wilderness, he put his head on a rock and dreamed a legislature of angels. Jacob woke knowing God was in every scary place or runaway journey, but only because sleep gave the dreaming a chance. Joseph of Nazareth planned to send away his beloved Mary, because that's how being hurt and angry works. Then he decided to sleep on it, and the rest was ... well, Christmas! Jesus was taking a power nap in the boat between healings and teachings when a storm blew up. They had to shake him awake before he could say "peace, be still." Only later he complained, "O you of little naps ..."

And that's not mentioning Nebuchadnezzar's nightmare of conscience, Jonah's snooze below decks before taking responsibility for his actions, the warning to the magi that there is always another way

home, or the raising of Eutychus, the teenager who fell out the window reminding us that long sermons can be a form of melatonin.

Long ago and this week, the chance to actually experience a dream of hope, the pause that shifts an emotion-driven decision, the renewal of strength and faith to face any storm—they all come from sleep. Sleep gives energy, focus, creativity. Sleep weaves the frayed memory, improves the unreliable temper, and always makes working with the ragtag, clueless, practically disciple-esque folks in our resistance possible.

**Prayer**

**God, who takes us from being left in the dust to ribs of companionship in one deep sleep, we thank you for always being there when we lie down and when we rise up.**



[Click Here to view October 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...

**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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