

**Central Southeast Ohio Association,
Ohio Conference
October 24, 2018**



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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 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,
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**

(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:
November 27th, 2018
at 11:30 at
the Ikea restaurant (I 71- Gemini Exit).

Calendar of Prayer

October 28, 2018
CSEOA Association Council



3rd Quarter 2018 Treasurer's Report CSEOA

Your association continues in good overall financial condition.
As of the end of the third quarter, 2018, gifts are 74.6% of budget. This compares to about 85% of budget at this point in time in each of the last two years, or about \$16,000 off pace. This is of some concern. I am aware of one gift in the amount of \$7,500 that is coming in this month which, had it been received by the end of September, would make up about half of the shortfall, with a revised budget percentage of 79.2%, still about 6 points off pace. There are six churches that we have not heard from

who had made gifts by this time in previous years. The collective value of their prior years' gifts at this point in time makes up the rest of the difference. I am, of course, hopeful and optimistic that all of our member churches will continue their historic generosity by the end of the year.

Expenses are under budget at 78.7%, largely due to temporary vacancies in staff positions.

We have 3.9 months of cash in the bank, so still quite healthy there.

I think it is important for you to know that our association, which is by far the smallest association among the five associations in the Ohio Conference with less than forty of the nearly 340 churches in the Conference, is the only association that has had sustained increases in OCWM in recent years, however small those might be. This speaks to me of the vitality of our congregations, and to our continuing commitment to the wider church.

Finally, I remind you that contributions received through January 10, 2019 will be credited to 2018 unless otherwise directed by you. This is to allow churches that make final OCWM contributions for 2018 at year end to have a margin of time for transmission. Contributions received after that date will be credited to 2019.

As always, should you have questions or concerns about our association's finances, please feel free to contact me directly by email at jyutzey@columbus.rr.com or by phone at 614-457-6406.

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](#)

**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

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Columbus, OH 43215

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**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

[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

Why Donate to the OCWM

Our Church's Wider Mission
[See the Video HERE](#)

Conference Minister's Reflections



Dear Friends in the Ohio Conference,
I want to begin with a word of thanks to so many of you who have already greeted me warmly and, in various ways, have invited me into your lives. I look forward to many more opportunities to be with many of you whom I have not yet had a chance to meet. I am excited to hear about your lives and your ministries and to discover the ways in which our covenantal collaborations can strengthen the witness of love and justice to which we are called as followers of Jesus Christ in the expression that is the United Church of Christ.

[Read More HERE](#)

News From the Hills...!



Outdoor Ministries is a ministry that matters. And our mission remains consistent:

Partnering with local congregations to connect God's people with God's creation for faith formation, spiritual growth and leadership development

This has been a year of renewal for Outdoor Ministries. We have focused on three main endeavors:

- Renewing, refreshing, and reopening Templed Hills as a rental facility and as our primary site for summer camp
- Planning summer camp and recruiting leadership for each event
- Connecting with the Faith Formation Task Force to create a comprehensive plan where Outdoor Ministries supports the larger Faith Formation goals of the Ohio Conference

[So what comes next? There is lots to Share!](#)
[Meet our Associate co-Site Directors Read More HERE!](#)

Serve the Hills!

Volunteer Projects at Templed Hills

Join us November 9-10, to help with work projects at camp! We have projects available for all ages and skill levels. Lodging for Friday night and breakfast and lunch on Saturday are provided at no cost. Please

[Register Here](#) to let us know if you will be joining us!

Fall Youth Event November 17-18

Calling all high school youth! "Come Together" for a weekend of fun, games, old friends, new friends, and relaxing at camp. "Come Together" to explore, in the midst of all our differences, what we have in common. "Come Together" to hike, play, eat, sing, laugh, and be. Cost is \$75 and registration details will be posted soon.



Anti-racism Training
Boundary Training
November 10, 2018

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

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



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(Disciples of Christ)
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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.

"Savoring Seasons" a devotion by, Emily C. Heath



*"O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures." - Psalm 104:24*

In the part of New Hampshire where I live, fall is unfolding, with all of its New England charm. The rows of trees in the apple orchard have the red fruit about to fall to the ground. The big tree in front of our church is full of leaves that blaze orange and yellow. Passersby stop just to take pictures of it.

I see God's creation in amazing ways this time of year. I grew up in a place with few seasons, so these small signs of fall still amaze me. I hope I never quite get used to them.

There will be days, though, that come in a few months. Each one will be the same. It will be cold and snow will cover the ground. It won't be the wondrous new snow that's soft and shiny, but dirty, hard

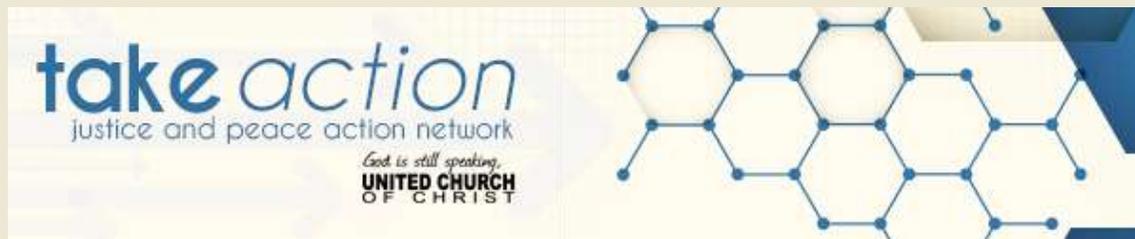
packed ice that lines sidewalks, ready to trip up those of us who use the sidewalks. By March I'll be longing for the sort of season-less climate where I was raised.

It's easy to point to God's goodness by looking at creation on the most beautiful days. It's a little harder when everything is gray and cold. And yet, without the hard winters, we don't get the colorful springs, beautiful summers, and postcard-worthy falls.

It's the same with our own creation. We have times when life is as bright as that tree in front of the church. Other days, everything feels like it's dying. But sometimes the gray days are the cocoons we need before we burst forth into the world in full color. Learning to appreciate the gray, the unextraordinary, might just be the most profound way of valuing God's creation, both in the world, and in ourselves.

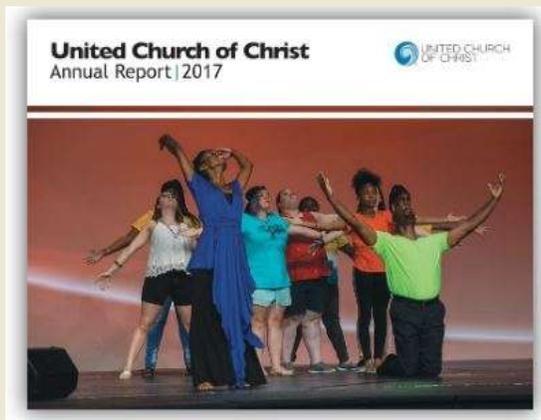
Prayer

God, on the grayest of days, show me just a small reminder that you are still at work, and I will show you my hope. Amen.



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UCC 2017 Annual Report



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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...

October - Don't Disagree, Deliberate

How to Lead Community Conversations in Your Church

November - How To Develop Habits for Well-Being

December - Getting to Know Our Neighbors



[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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