

**Central Southeast Ohio Association,
Ohio Conference
October 3, 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, 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

CSEOA Annual Fall Meeting

Saturday, October 27th

**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**

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 7, 2018

Hospice Ministries at
Nationwide Children's, Ohio Health,
& Heartland Hospice

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



Soon to be Ordained!

Joanna Samuelson

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

**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:

Jill Dunlap
740-862-4222
jdunlap@rroho.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



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!

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

[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 NETWORK TRAINING OPPORTUNITY IN OHIO

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

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
- 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.



[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

**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 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.

"The First Gender Assignment Surgery" a devotion by, Matthew Laney



Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the earthling to be alone; I will make a partner for them." So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to earthling to see what name the earthling would give." - Genesis 2:18-19

The Hebrew word adam (ha'adam) is not a gendered name. Adam means "human" or more precisely, "earthling."

After making one earthling, God realizes that although they have a stress-free life in a tropical paradise with plenty to eat, they are alone. For the first time God looks at creation and says, "That's not good."

God's solution was like an episode of The Bachelor/ette. God creates animals and birds, parading the multitude of furry and feathery hopefuls before the earthling to see who would get the final rose (seriously, read it for yourself). All the animals were great listeners, but not much for conversation, and none was found to be a suitable partner.

God's second attempt was to perform gender assignment surgery (yes, Genesis really says that too) by splitting the nongendered earthling into two gendered beings: Ish and Ishah. When Ish wakes up from the operation he looks at Ishah and says, "You are bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh." It's a poetic way of saying, "By seeing you, I see myself."

That's how we know we are in Eden: when we see ourselves in the other and the other in ourselves and divine presence in all creation, when the barrier between self and other dissolves. Similarly, Jesus said, "On that day you will know that God is in me and you are in me and I am in you" (John 14:20).

That's true community. And that's what it's all about.

Prayer

Holy One, may "that day" be now. May I look at all people today and see You and myself.



[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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