

**Central Southeast Ohio Association,  
Ohio Conference  
November 7, 2018**



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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

**DPAM Meeting**

Wednesday, November 14th

9:30a-3:30p

David's UCC, Canal Winchester

**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

**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**

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**

**November 11, 2018**  
CSEOA Department for  
Preparation for Authorized Ministry

**November 18, 2018**  
Trinity UCC, Baltimore

**November 25, 2018**  
Trinity UCC, Columbus



## **A Note From the CSEOA Council Moderator Rev. Dr. William Nirote**

Well, that retirement thing didn't last very long. Here I am both the Moderator of the Central Southeast Ohio Association and Interim Senior Pastor of David's United Church of Christ-Canal Winchester. My work

at this wonderful congregation called David's United Church of Christ is non-stop. My work with the CSEOA which includes West Virginia is to moderate meetings of the CSEOA, Association Council, Executive Committee, and be a member of Personnel Committee. My hope is to let all voices be heard, take a few more steps in our visioning a new future for the Association, and seek to be one in Christ.

I ask for prayers for the Association Council and all departments, committees, and staff of our Beloved Association. I have a "vested interest" in our Beloved Association where I was ordained 33 years ago. Yes, that was a pun. This Beloved Association is home for me and a spiritual home.

As the colors of autumn begin to fade and the chill of the air is upon us, may you sense the warmth of God in your hearts. May you also sense the connection we have through Christ in our Beloved Association, the Central Southeast Ohio Association (which includes West Virginia).

Your partner in ministry,

The Rev. Dr. William R. Nirote  
Moderator, CSEOA  
Interim Senior Pastor, David's United Church of Christ



### Who Do I Contact If...

You are a Pastor who needs a Pastor...

You are a church going through transition and/or need pastoral advice...

Call the **Association Pastor, Rev. Patricia Battle** who serves the Association at local and regional events, nurtures relationships with local churches, and provides a presence on behalf of the Association at critical times in the life of the local church.

Rev. Battle can be contacted by email at [patriciab@ocucc.org](mailto:patriciab@ocucc.org) or by phone 614-531-8240.

**Thank You, Thank You,  
Thank You  
From CSEOA**



A big thank you goes out to the Rev. Linda Meredith who served as Vice-moderator in 2015-2016, Moderator 2016-2017, and Past Moderator 2017-2018. This service to the CSEOA was in addition to her work as Pastor of First Congregational Church United Church of Christ, Marysville, Ohio. We are thankful, too, for congregations like First Congregational Church United Church of Christ-Marysville that share in leadership throughout the Association.

## **Job Posting For Position of Registrar for Central Southeast Ohio Association**

Pastors and Colleagues,  
Attached is the job description for Registrar 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.  
Thanks and Blessings,

Jill Dunlap  
Personnel Chair

Resumes and inquiries may be directed to:

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

**[View Job Description HERE](#)**

**"Exodus:**

## Moving through the Transitions of Life and Faith"



Dear friends,  
Grace and peace to you in the name of God.

I hope this email finds you well. I have missed the opportunity to teach and to learn with you. Moving through the autumn season this year, I felt a missing piece. That missing piece was all of

you growing together in faith on our journey of life.

I'm offering a class which begins in eight weeks. I hope you can join me. I would love to be together again with all of you. Below you will read the name of the class, the dates and location of the class, and a small introduction. There is also a sign-up link for you if you choose to join us. If you are able, I hope you join us beginning Monday night, January 7, 2019.

**"Exodus: Moving through the Transitions of Life and Faith"** will be offered on the first Monday nights of January, February and March from 7-8:30 p.m. at Congregation Tifereth Israel, 1354 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio. Those dates are January 7, February 4, March 4.

The class is open to all people of all faiths who are facing transitions in life. I define transitions as "the psychological acceptance of change." What are you facing? What changes are happening in your life? The birth of a baby? The death of loved one? The loss of health or the loss of a job? The end of a dream? What transition are you facing?

Using the Exodus story as our grounding, we will look at the transitions of our lives. If you are interested in signing up, please go to this link and do it.

Keep in touch.

Many blessings to you,

[Click here to register](#)

If you have questions, call 614-228-1741, ext. 13 or email me - [tahrens@first-church.org](mailto:tahrens@first-church.org).

Sign up now and Save the Dates!

Take care,

Rev. Dr. Tim Ahrens

## 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  
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## 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**



## **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!**

## **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.

**"Practice Your Metaphors"  
a devotion by,  
John A. Nelson**



*"Because you have made the Almighty your refuge,  
the Most High your dwelling place,  
no evil shall befall you,  
no scourge come near your tent.  
For God will command the angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.  
On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." - Psalm 91:9-12*

Perhaps you have run into the tension between a literal and a non-literal reading of scripture. Some of us are certain that the Bible is true. Some of us know that it contains truths.

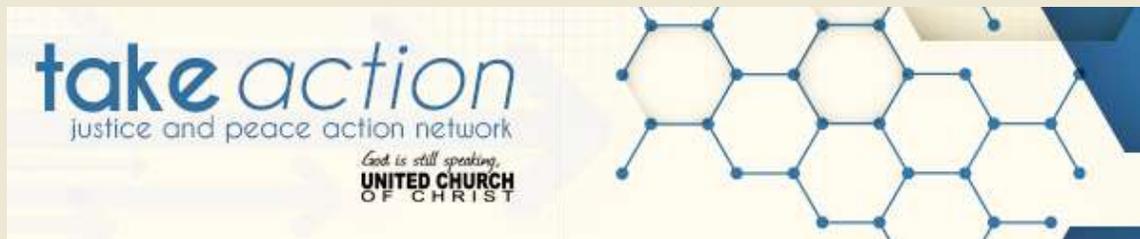
Psalm 91 is an example of the Bible's literary, not literal, power. Elsewhere the Bible portrays God as a presence so gloriously fearsome that no one can look on the face of the Almighty and live ... yet here God is a refuge, a word we might use for a cozy shelter or peaceful retreat. God commands the angels to bear you up on their hands in Psalm 91 ... even though angels are elsewhere described with wings and feet only (Isaiah 6), or as being spirits of fire (Psalm 104), having no hands to work with.

Literary, not literal. Sometimes the Bible's hardest and most important work is not to give us precise information but to free us up from set ways of thinking: about God, about God's creation, about humanity, about the relations among all those.

Literary, not literal. God assures safety for those who know the divine name — and the Bible reveals hundreds of names of God. Such a marvelous multiplicity, a plethora of promise of protection!

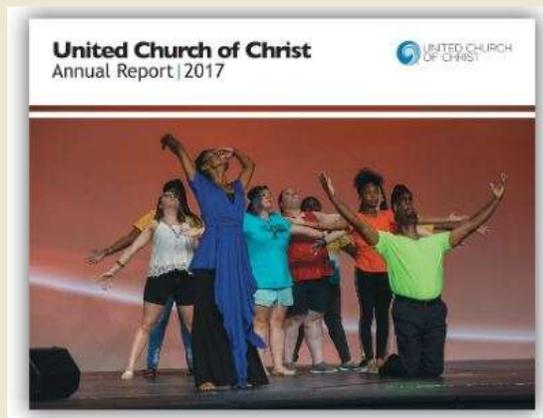
### **Prayer**

**Creator, Protector, Redeemer, Mystery of Mysteries, Light of Light — teach me today to stretch my mind and loosen my certainties so that I may trust you more deeply, wonder about you more joyfully, follow you more lovingly. Help me practice some good, holy metaphors. 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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