

**Central Southeast Ohio Association,
Ohio Conference
October 31, 2018**



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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 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 in

**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**

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 4, 2018
The United Church, Mt. Sterling

November 11, 2018
CSEOA Department for
Preparation for Authorized Ministry

November 18, 2018
Trinity UCC, Baltimore

November 25, 2018
Trinity UCC, Columbus



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.

**Thank you to everyone who attended the
55th Annual Fall Meeting of the
Central Southeast Ohio Association of the
Ohio Conference**

**The Proposed Budget was approved by show
of hands.**

**The By-Law Amendments were approved by a
ballot vote.**

**Nominations of Officers and Department
Members were approved by ballot vote.**

2019 Budget

By-laws Amendments

New Council Officers and Department Members

**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



Your support of Neighbors in Need is greatly appreciated!

Spirituality and the Enneagram

Unwrapping Your True Essence

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

12:30 – 3:30*



What's your Type?

Are you an achiever or a peacemaker?

Are the challenger or the loyalist?

The Enneagram is a system that helps us discover who we truly are.

RSVP to Wittmannfamily@wowway.com

This is an opportunity for those new or slightly familiar with the Enneagram of Personality Types to discover more about each Type, and in particular how that Type describes your pattern of behavior as well as the path towards wholeness.

To discover your Type prior to the workshop (which is advisable) go to enneagraminstitute.com and take the RHETI test.

Or, you can download the EnneaApp and take their assessment.

If you are new to the Enneagram, you might want to explore the book, *The Road Back to You* by Ian Cron and Susan Stabile.

Our goal is to help you grow in awareness of your True Essence, with grace as your companion along the way.

Presenters: Barbara Hubbell & Chris Harnden

*Three hours is not enough time to cover this amazing system, so eat lunch before hand and plan on us beginning on time.

David's UCC

80 W. Columbus Street, Canal Winchester, Oh. 43110



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

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/hXmwZUVT5opSLCW2>.

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



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



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.

"Pointing" a devotion by, Quinn G. Caldwell



"O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt God's name together." - Psalm 34:3

Life with our two-year-old is a pretty even balance, most days, between heart-exploding love, hair-tearing frustration, and waste management. Whatever time isn't taken up by that parenting trinity is pretty much given over to pointing stuff out in an absurdly high-pitched tone of voice. "Ooooh! Look at that flower! Isn't it pretty? Ffffffflow-er. You say it! FfffflllooooOOOooooowerrr."

"See the RED TRUCK? It's so BIG! Can you say rrrrrred? Biiiiigg? Big red truck!"

"Uh oh! See the POOP on the RUG (for the billionth time today)? Does poop go on the rug? Noooo, that's silly! Poop goes in the potty (please please please oh God please)!"

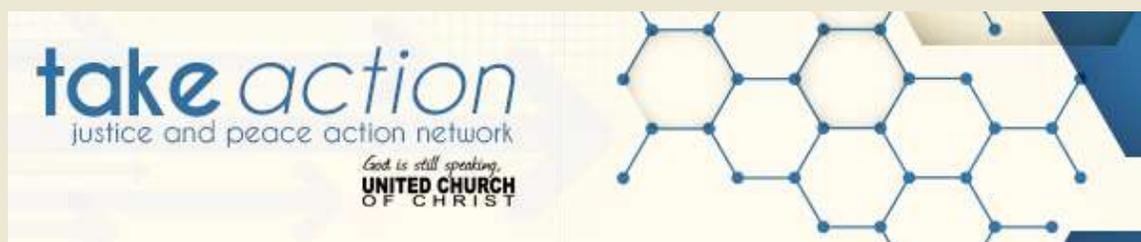
So much of parenting a tiny person is simply drawing that person's attention to stuff in the world around her, and then offering her language to describe what she sees. It's magnifying the small things you want him to notice amidst the sound and fury, and then telling him what (you think) they are.

This is a big chunk of the job description of any God-lover, too. There's lots to draw people's attention in the world, and God can be easy to miss in all the fuss. When you see God out and about, it's important to point it out to the people around you, and tell them what (you think) it is. Make God easier for them to see. Magnify the Lord for them.

God is everywhere, but the world is full of stuff, and there's a lot going on. Not to mention that, despite all our grown-up pretensions, most of us have the focus and attention span of a two-year-old. If we don't point God out to each other, she's easy to miss.

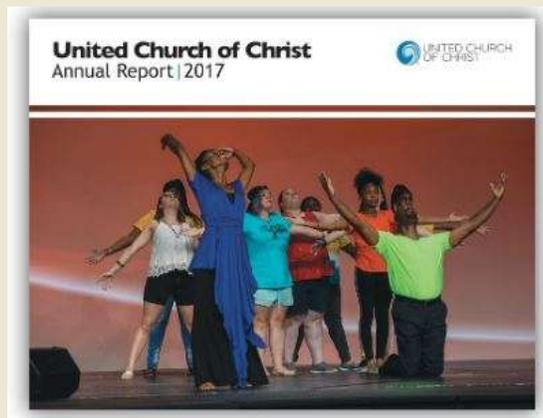
Prayer

Don't let me miss you when you come, God. Send me guides to magnify you for me wherever you show up. 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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