

**Central Southeast Ohio Association,
Ohio Conference
November 14, 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**

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:

November 27th, 2018

at 11:30 at

the Ikea restaurant (I 71- Gemini Exit).

Calendar of Prayer

November 18, 2018

Trinity UCC, Baltimore

**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**

November 25, 2018
Trinity UCC, Columbus



SHRED IT DAY?

If you are hosting a shred it day please let the Association Office know.

If you would be interested in utilizing a SHRED IT DAY hosted by the Association let us know.

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 or by phone 614-531-8240.

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

[View Job Description HERE](#)



WISDOM CONVERSATIONS: Our Narratives of Aging

United Church Homes' Ruth Frost Parker Center for Abundant Aging will host the annual Wisdom Conversations event for all those who work in ministry with older adults in January at Parkvue Community, Sandusky.

Pre-Event Sunday, January 6th 7-9p
Workshops Monday, January 7th 9a-4p

[READ MORE HERE](#)

[DETAILS AND REGISTER HERE](#)

Oberammergau - Passion Play and Holy Lands - June, 2020 - Can you join us? There are still 10 seats open.

Dear Friends,

There is still time to join us

The Passion Play is performed in a small village in Germany once every ten years. It is an all-day event. We would take 9 days to see the Holy Lands (the early itinerary in attached above). On Day 10 we would fly to Munich and see the city and Dachau Concentration Camp. Day 11 would be the Passion Play with Day 12 being a trip to Ettal Abbey Linderhof Castle. We return to the USA on Day 13.

Are you interested in going? Please email me back – tahrens@first-church.org, or call with questions, 614-228-1741, ext. 13.

I hope we can travel together.

Love and blessings,

Tim Ahrens

[VIEW ITINERARY 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.

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](#)

Fall Youth Event!



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.



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.

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.

"Go Along Easily" a devotion by, Dar Mikula



"Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." - Psalm 23:6

Recently, as part of my work as a newly certified nursing assistant, I was asked to sit with a man who has primary progressive aphasia. This is a form of cognitive impairment that in my person's case has caused his inability to speak as well as a loss of memory.

On this particular day, after a long pleasant walk together around his neighborhood, it was time to come inside and rest. However, my patient wouldn't sit. He would go to his recliner and stand in front of it, but when I tried to get him to bend his knees and fold down into a seated position, he'd push my hands away. Then he'd wander through the den, the kitchen, and out the side door to the driveway where I'd meet him to redirect him back into the house, and try again. This cycle continued six or more times over the next hour.

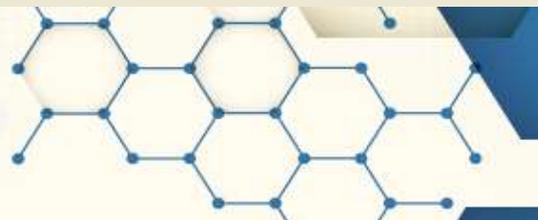
I tried the CNA textbook recommendation and had him put his arms on my shoulders and gently sit back. No go – he pushed my arms away again. Finally - and just as I was about to give up - I stood in front of him and hugged him. To my surprise, he hugged me back and I leaned in and gently sat him down in the chair. After all that time, all it took was a hug!

Later that night while looking at updates on decisions my government's leaders were considering, I remembered the day's earlier incident and chose to react with a different stance: I closed my eyes and surrounded them in love. I do not always know what to do with my frustration, yet I do trust that God will guide my movement towards the greatest good.

Prayer

Guiding Spirit, let me find surprises in my struggles that remind me that sometimes the best act is to soften my resistance and to trust You, the One whose Love works in ways perhaps not yet revealed.

take action
justice and peace action network
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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...

[November](#) - How To Develop Habits for Well-Being

[December](#) - Getting to Know Our



[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](#)

Neighbors

[Member In Discernment Manual
Rev. 7 10-9-2013](#)

[How Do I Transfer My Standing?](#)

[NEW UCC Ministerial Code](#)

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