



## Central Southeast Ohio Association, Ohio Conference November 21, 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](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**

#### **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 25, 2018**

**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**

Trinity UCC, Columbus



**You're Invited to..**

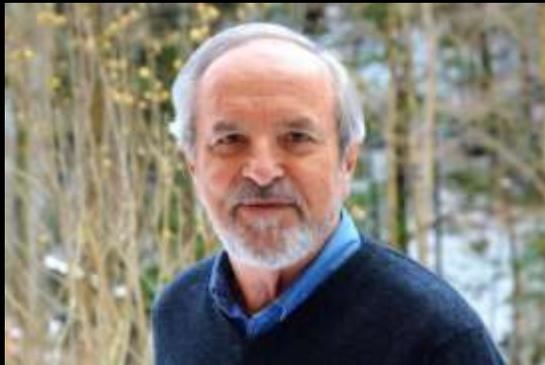


## **Nicole Pickens Ordination to Ministry**

2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018  
at Radnor Congregational Church  
4407 State Route 203  
Radnor, OH 43066

Clergy are welcomed to robe and process; please arrive by 1:30 p.m. for preparatory instructions and prayer. All are invited to wear red to celebrate the work of the Holy Spirit.

Please RSVP by Dec. 2 by email,  
[nicolepickens1@gmail.com](mailto:nicolepickens1@gmail.com)  
or call (419) 677-8999.



## **Creating a Soulful Life**

Presented by:  
The Burkhart Center  
The C.G. Jung **Association** of  
Central Ohio  
The Older Adult **Ministry** of  
**First** Community Church

**First Community Church, 1320 Cambridge Blvd., Columbus OH 43212  
Will Host Thomas Moore, author of the number one New York Times  
best-selling book,  
*Care of the Soul: A Guide for Cultivating Depth and Sacredness in Everyday  
Life,***

**Mr Moore will be our Key Note Speaker on Friday, November 30th and a  
Workshop will be available on Saturday December 1st**

His Friday evening keynote address, 7 – 8:30 pm in the Grandview/Marble Cliff church's sanctuary is entitled "Creating a Soulful Life," based on his life's work of reintroducing the meaning of "soul" as a path

toward living a more human life in the world. Moore will also present an interactive workshop on Saturday, December 1, from 9 am – 1 pm, on “Ageless Soul: The Lifelong Journey Toward Meaning & Joy,” the title of his most recent book.

[Read More](#)

[Register HERE](#)

### Is There an Interest?

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.

Possibility of Spring date in coordination with Earth Day?



### 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.

## 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@rrohio.com](mailto:jdunlap@rrohio.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

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[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](mailto:tahrens@first-church.org), or call with questions, 614-228-1741, ext. 13.

I hope we can travel together.

Love and blessings,

Tim Ahrens

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## "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).

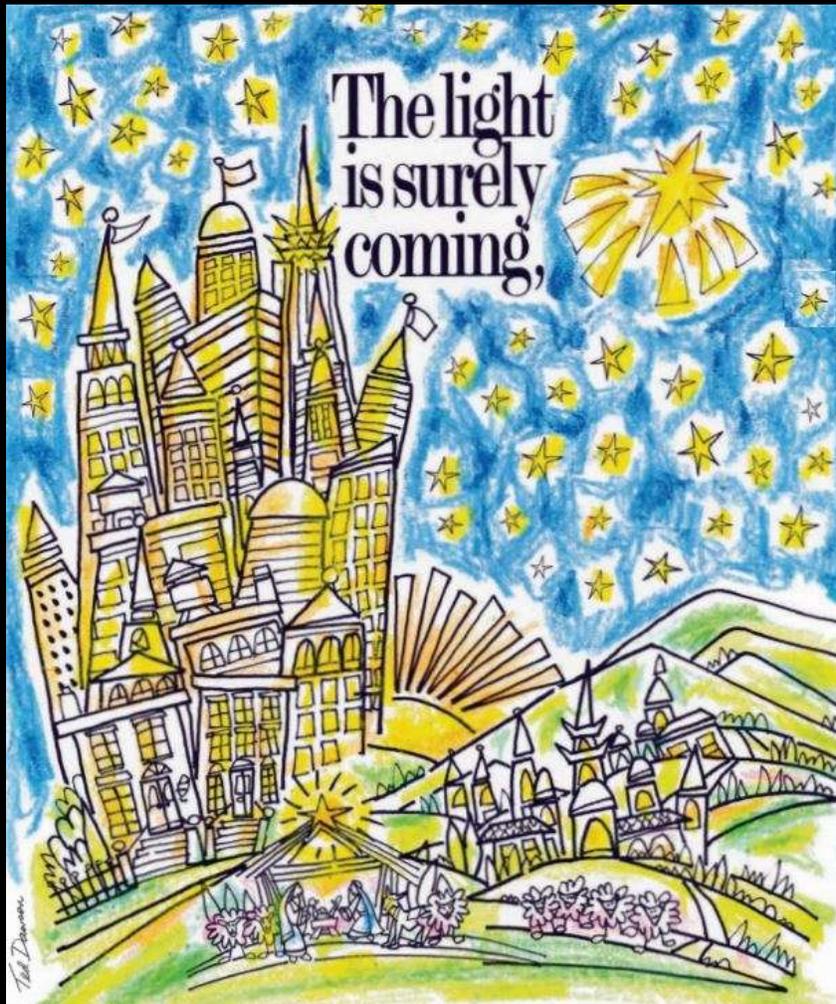
Sign up now and Save the Dates!

Take care,

Rev. Dr. Tim Ahrens

## **UCC The Christmas Fund 2018 (Veterans of the Cross)**

For over a century, the Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund has been a tangible expression of God's love and light in the world. Year after year, United Church of Christ (UCC) members and congregations have reached out in kindness, compassion, and gratitude to those who have faithfully shepherded our Church in the past and who now find themselves facing unexpected financial needs.



[Find your resources HERE](#)

[Download the coloring book HERE](#)

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#GIVING  
TUESDAY

#GivingTuesday is November 27th, 2018. We invite you to work with us to support individuals entering the United States in search of asylum, protection or sanctuary.

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**SAVE THE DATE**  
**June 21 - June 25 2019**

<http://synod2019.org/>  
[Register Now!](#)

**General Synod Nominating Committee calling for candidates  
for UCCB and Synod Moderators deadline - November 9, 2018**

When the 16 members of the General Synod Nominating Committee begin reviewing a field of candidates to join the United Church of Christ Board of Directors in January 2019, they hope to select people with great minds and skills, and a passion to serve, no matter their age and experience level.

[READ MORE HERE](#)

**The Faith Formation Task Force of the**

## Ohio Conference UCC, Presents

**Learn It, Live It, Share It**  
**February 27 & 28 2019, Columbus Ohio**  
**Come Experience Lillian Daniel**

[DETAILS HERE](#)

## Conference Minister Rev. David Long-Higgins Words of Reflection

### **A Compelling Question...**

....When we are saddened and maddened, what is the call for gladdening the heart, not only personally, but vitally in the wider communities of which we are a part? Toward what vision is God through Christ Jesus calling us in this season of the life of the world, local and global? I believe that much of how we live is shaped by the definitions we carry either consciously or unconsciously. I have been contemplating much about what we mean as followers of Jesus Christ when we use the word justice. I would like to suggest my working (as in unfinished and always in refinement) definition to encourage you in your thinking about this dimension of the Christian life.

Here goes: Justice is the work toward an arrangement of life where all God's children can live into their full human humanity and empowered by God's agape love may freely use their gifts without fear for the upbuilding of the common good and the good of the whole creation, so that all may flourish, sharing in God's abundance and joy!

What would it look like in our personal, local, association, conference, national and global settings of the church if we were to engage the world with this kind of heart and mind? An equally important question, it seems to me, is this one: "What kind of encouragement is needed to foster this kind of loving motion in ourselves, in our local congregation and other settings of ministry and in the life of the world?"

It seems to me this is where God's gift of covenant relationships in our various settings is and can be even more vitally important, especially in a cultural season of polarization and parochialism. In the coming weeks and months, I look forward to forming with you a new clarity of response to these questions (and many more, I am sure). I am especially interested in knowing from you what your compelling questions, hopes, and dreams are for the way in which you sense God leading you to be agents of Christ's love in the world.

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NOW ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS FOR 2019**  
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**Calendar of Events  
What's Happening Now and in 2019**

[See News and Events HERE](#)

[A letter to the UCC Family of Faith: We can't let evil prevail](#)

## **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](#)



## 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.

### "Judgment" a devotion by, Kenneth L. Samuel



*The time has come for judging the dead, for rewarding your servants... And for destroying those who destroy the earth." - Revelation 11:18 (NIV)*

I know it's not a very liberal or progressive notion. I know it doesn't jibe with the belief that all of our sins, evils, and injustices are nullified by the grace and agape love of God.

But I still can't bring myself to believe that a life dedicated to love and justice is essentially no different

than a life fostered by bigotry and violence.

Even in the face of eventual repentance, there are consequences for the choices we make in life. And those consequences are not just existential or pertaining to our human lifespan. Our life choices also carry eternal consequences.

What Adam and Eve decided to do in the garden of Eden had consequences far beyond the stories and mythologies of creation.

What the German Nazis decided to do in the 1930s and '40s had consequences far beyond their lifetimes in Europe.

What the American Rebels decided to do at the battle of Lexington in 1775 had consequences that are yet unfolding today.

What Rosa Parks decided to do on a southern segregated bus in 1955 had consequences that have impacted lives far beyond her own life in Montgomery, Alabama.

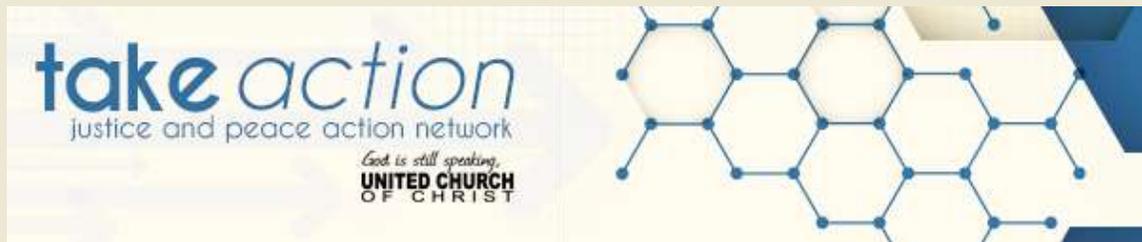
The choices of these and countless others are still being judged and evaluated against the facts of the past and the possibilities of the future.

Someone has speculated that we will spend eternity facing the consequences of the choices we make in life. Those choices and consequences will determine heaven or hell; rejoicing or gnashing of teeth.

That may sound depressing to some, but it's motivation for me.

### **Prayer**

**Guide my mind Lord, while I run this race. Amen.**



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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 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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