

Central Southeast Ohio Association, Ohio Conference January 16, 2019

Special Called Association Meeting

There will be a Special Called Association Meeting on March 9, with time and place to be decided.
Agenda:

- Reverend Patricia Battle Call Agreement
- Progress report on the Association structure
- Listening sessions will be held regarding the current structure

CSEmail Newsletter

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The Association Office hours:
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 am - 3 pm and Wednesday from 1 pm - 5 pm.
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 maryp@ocucc.org by Friday at 4:30p
Submit photos in jpeg, png format please.

Staff Changes for 2019

Joan Davidson has been the Association Registrar for the past two years and is stepping down. She is also Office Administrator and Search & Call Coordinator for the Northwest Association and will continue in that capacity. Joan was very accomplished as our registrar and we thank her greatly!

Mary Plumley, Office Administrator for our association will assume the responsibilities of registrar. Mary's contact information can be found at the bottom of this newsletter.

Quick Links

2019 Calendar of Events

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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:

January 22, 2019

at 11:30 at

the Ikea restaurant (I 71- Gemini Exit).

Calendar of Prayer

January 20, 2019

Dublin Community UCC, Dublin

January 27, 2019

Congregational UCC, Belpre

February 3, 2019

David's UCC, Canal Winchester

February 10, 2019

First United Church of Granville

February 17, 2019

Evangelical UCC, Portsmouth

February 24, 2019

Ohio Conference Outdoor Ministries Staff

"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 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

UN Seminar 2019

The UN Seminar is a program for High

School Students (Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors) and is open to both the Disciples and UCC youth. There are a few openings, but the cutoff date is January 22nd.

[For More Information](#)

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](#)

**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](#)

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.

Position Opening

Chaplain

Friendship Village Columbus is actively seeking a part-time Chaplain to add to our exceptional team and community.

The Chaplain will provide a pastoral presence to the entire Community of Friendship Village Columbus by providing opportunities for worship and learning, and to be available to all who seek comfort or growth in areas of faith and spirituality. The Chaplain must accept all faiths and walks of life, giving no denomination or religion exclusive rights, thus respecting and caring for all people, regardless of affiliation.

Qualified candidates will have a Master of Divinity degree, the endorsement of an ecclesiastical body (denomination), ordination, training and clinical pastoral education. Other preferred experiences include ministry with older adults and training related to spirituality and aging or end of life care, excellent oral and written communication skills, and the ability to travel throughout the local community.

Qualified candidates should apply by submitting their resume to careers@fvcolumbus.org, online at www.fvcolumbus.org, or at 5757 Ponderosa Drive Columbus, OH 43231.

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**"Worth"
a devotion by,
Darrell Goodwin-Moultry**

December 24, 2018

"While they were praying, the place where they were meeting trembled and shook. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak God's Word with fearless confidence." - Acts 4:31

It was a Friday afternoon and I was serving as a volunteer chaplain. A woman came in looking for

another colleague; she was scheduled for art therapy. I do not see myself as an artist; at best I am a stick figure guy all the way. I am the type of person who would prefer that someone else take notes on the board because my handwriting would be illegible and not worth the effort.

The woman shared that she had taken a bus for over an hour to meet my colleague, and she wasn't keen on just coming back at another time. My internal voice said a loud "not it, not me, not now." I heard my voice loud and clear with all of the rational reasons about why I wasn't the one.

That other voice, the one that sometimes echoes as a still small voice and at other times loud, deafening and even blinding suggested that "I was" for such a time as this. After some resistance, I found myself playing yogic music with an adult coloring book. I was listening with an open heart and mind to my sister's journey and struggle. During a pause I was led to say boldly "you are worthy." She stopped coloring and looked at me with tear-filled eyes. I knew those words struck every part of her that believed she was not worthy. In her eyes I also saw the parts of me that felt and feel unworthy.

What if we believed we were chosen, for this day and for this hour, and that we are worthy?

Prayer

God, sometimes it is frustrating to be the one in the room, the one called, the one who has to have our inadequacies.

United Church Homes, Ohio Hospice join forces to expand care.

For more information

[Click Here to view December/January 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...

[January](#) - Defining Church Vitality: Let Me Count The Ways

[February](#) - What Is Contemporary
Worship?

[COM Training online](#)

[Constitution and By Laws Adopted 10-25-14](#)

[CSEOA Vision - Future Story 2020](#)

[CSEOA Strategic Plan 2013-2020](#)