

**Central Southeast Ohio Association,
Ohio Conference
January 30, 2019**



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God is still speaking,

Special Called Association Meeting

Date: Saturday, March 9, 2019

Location: Grace UCC, Lancaster

Address: 1185 Pleasantville Rd, Lancaster, OH 43130

Agenda:

8:45– 9:10 Registration

9:10 Opening Devotional

9:20 Approve a quorum

9:25 Extend a Call to Rev. Patricia Battle as Association Minister

9:30 Moderator's Explanation of the history and vision task, Temporary Structure,
Consultant's Recommendations, Current Structure Recommendations from

Association Council

10:00 Listening Sessions about the Current Structure

10:45 Break

11:00 Reports of the Listening Sessions

11:50 Closing comments and benediction Rev. Patricia Battle

Staff Changes for 2019

Members of Central Southeast Ohio Association,

This year has seen a lot of changes in the staff keeping the Personnel Committee quite busy. I want to thank the members of the Committee for their commitment and diligence.

I also want to update you on the most current changes. Debbie Smetts, our Office Administrator, and Joan Davidson, our Association Registrar, made the decision not to renew their contracts which expire at the end of 2018. Both Deb and Joan have been with us since our new model was initiated and have served us faithfully – and patiently – throughout the initial transition. We are grateful for the gifts they have brought to their positions and offer them our heart-felt thanks.

And now to introduce you to our new staff persons. Upon recommendation from the Personnel Committee Rev. Melodie Rezac was affirmed by the Association Council to serve as our Designated

Term Association Administrator. Her responsibilities include nurturing the association's official link to the wider church, facilitating the search and call process, and supporting/collaborating with Rev. Patricia Battle, our Association Pastor. Melodie brings much experience and knowledge to this position, her skill at organization, and, most of all, her love for CSEOA. She is available to you by appointment.

And, we welcome Mary Plumley as our new Office Administrator. Mary most recently served as Coordinator/Registrar for the Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure, a position she held for 13 years. We are excited that she has agreed to become part of Central Southeast! Beginning January 2, Mary's office hours will be Tuesday 10:00 – 3:00, Wednesday 1:00 – 5:00, Thursday and Friday 10:00 – 3:00. It certainly has been a year of flux; but with movement there is always life. Both Melodie and Mary are signs of that new life stirring in CSEOA.

Blessings,
Jill Dunlap, Personnel Chair

Your Feedback is Requested

[Take the survey](#)

Please take a SHORT (1-3 minutes) survey regarding the newsletter. We are interested in your opinion and all surveys will be read. Thanks!

Yearbook Reporting! Attention Church Staff Central Southeast Ohio Association, UCC

It's time once again for the Center for Analytics, Research and Data (CARD) to begin preparing the 2019 UCC Yearbook. All churches of the Association are asked to prepare this information and submit to the UCC National Database.

***NEW THIS YEAR!** Supplemental Research Questions after completing annual report & for the first time ever CARD will offer **over 25 prizes** for churches that complete their annual report and answer the research questions.

In preparing to submit your church information, it would be helpful to read the following **CHURCH YEARBOOK INSTRUCTIONS** and complete the **ONLINE DATA ENTRY FORM & SUPPLEMENTAL RESEARCH QUESTIONS** (page 6-7-8) of the Yearbook Instructions before entering the data-hub.

[Why Report Annual Data?](#)

[Church Yearbook Instructions](#)

[Church Number List](#)

[Online Data Entry Form](#)

Save the Date

Marla Kay Flewellen will be ordained on Saturday, March 2, 2019, 2:00 p.m. at Advent UCC, Columbus. Please join in the celebration of her ordination.

Treating Trauma & PTSD Seminar

Treating Trauma and PTSD: A New Frontier of Scientific Evidence & Practical Interventions

Two Days with Dr. van der Kolk

February 28 - March 1, 2019

Powell, Ohio

[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

[Detailed Information & Registration](#)



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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](#)

Celebrate Seminary Sunday on February 24

Why Celebrate Seminary Sunday?

Our UCC seminaries are filled with faithful, committed students seeking the skills and wisdom necessary to lead the church in the 21st century. Our congregations need these students. In our region, we are blessed to have three fine UCC seminaries - Chicago, United, and Eden. Each of these seminaries provides quality education for pastors and lay leaders, and they provide research and resources that serve the entire UCC.

How to Celebrate Seminary Sunday

- Lift up our UCC seminaries and seminarians in prayer, in mission moments, and in your bulletins.
- Post materials about Chicago, Eden, and United Seminaries on bulletin boards.
- Include a special prayer or litany in your service.
- Show a five-minute CUE Seminaries DVD.
- Include a gift to CUE Seminaries in your church budget or to take a special offering.
- DVDs, bulletin inserts, posters, and offering envelopes are available CUE Seminaries website: <http://www.cueseminaries.org/>

Please

join us on February 24 in supporting the current and future leadership of the UCC by celebrating Chicago, United, and Eden Seminaries.

If you would like someone from a CUE Seminary to visit your congregation to help with worship leadership for Seminary Sunday, please contact:

Chicago Theological Seminary Chad Schwickerath (

chad.schwicherath@ctschicago.edu or 773.896.2434)

United Theological Seminary Terri Burnor(tburnor@unitedseminary.edu or 633.4311)

Eden Theological Seminary Lorin Cope (lcope@eden.edu or 314.918.2549)
Each seminary will do its best to accommodate each request.

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](#)

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.

E.O.E./M/F/H/V

Quick Links

2019 Calendar of Events

CSE Authorized

Female Clergy Lunch

(We invite female clergy in the Ohio Conference to meet monthly for lunch, fellowship, sharing of

**Clergy and MID
Directory**

**CSE Pulpit Supply
List**

**CSE Church
Directory**

**CSE Departments,
Council and
Committees**

**2019 Calendar of
Prayer**

**MESA COM &
MOM Information
and Manuals**

**MOM/COM Zoom
Training
Registration**

**2019 Online
Training for COM**

**CSEOA
Website**

resources and support.)

We plan to meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month in the Columbus area.

Our next gathering is:

February 26, 2019

at 11:30 at

the Ikea restaurant (I 71- Gemini Exit).

Calendar of Prayer

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

March 3, 2019

Federated Church, Lock

March 10, 2019

Bridges of Grace UCC
Charleston, WV

March 17, 2019

First Community Church, Columbus

March 24, 2019

Move United Church, Columbus

March 31, 2019

First Congregational Church, Marietta

Mystery and Magic

Kenneth L. Samuel



"Your lips are as sweet as nectar, my bride. Honey and milk are under your tongue. You are my private garden, my treasure, my bride, a secluded spring, a hidden fountain. Your thighs shelter a paradise of pomegranates with rare spices." - Song of Solomon 4:11-13 (NLT)

Romantic love is so wondrously mysterious and magical that we never grow tired of its myriad descriptions:

"Walk my way, and a thousand violins begin to play
Or it might be the sound of your hello, that music I hear
I get misty, the moment you're near."

"My head's under water but I'm breathing fine
You're crazy and I'm out of my mind
'Cause all of me loves all of you
Love your curves and all your edges
All your perfect imperfections."

The Song of Solomon's poetry is an early antecedent to these classic tributes of romance. But as beautiful and majestic as all of these metaphors for love are, they can never fully exhaust the meaning and the depth of love experienced by any of us. Love is the Essence of the Everlasting, so it can never be fully captured or explained.

Yet the more we love someone the more we may be tempted to define and thereby control the nature and the dynamics of the relationship. Strong passion often places us in some rather curious power plays.

The writer of the Song of Solomon seems content to just explore and savor the wonder and the magic of love's garden. Anything else is madness.

Prayer

Lord, I thank you for being able to fully enjoy that which I will never be able to fully exhaust. 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...

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](#)

[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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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.



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