

Weekly Connection

For the Week of May 21, 2017 - May 27, 2017
Diverse Minds, Covenant Hearts, Made One in the Body of Christ

The Amazing People of ISC....

The DuBois on Broadway 2.0 is now history after 13 months of planning. According to the oral comments, it was a successful special event featuring delicious food, great facilities and staff, enriching musical program, entertaining oral auction, and a wide variety of silent auction items that encouraged those final bids.

This significant fundraiser has hopefully brought more attention to DuBois Center and the many opportunities of recreation and fellowship enjoyed there by people of all ages. The proceeds from the tickets, auctions, and donations are designated for major physical equipment replacement (i.e. commercial appliances), site improvements and more. In addition, a special collection was taken to purchase a new big piece of waterfront recreational equipment, the WOW (Wonder on Water) offering.

This 2nd production of a Broadway musical revue was truly reflective of MANY people working in respective volunteer areas that showed TEAMWORK! Over 50 volunteers, 21 oral auction items, 94 silent auction entries (all donated by generous donors), attendees purchasing \$50 tickets, and all the WOW donations resulted in a memorable event benefiting DuBois Center. A more detailed report on the financial aspects will be shared next week after the records are finalized. However, we will gladly accept donations for the new WOW in the swimming area as well as this special fund (just label Gala in the memo line) as a distinction from a general fund donation.

Sincerest appreciation is extended to everyone who contributed in any way towards the memorable and successful DuBois on Broadway 2.0 evening.

Co-Chairs--Rick Porter, Rev. Jerry Amiri, and Norma Borgmann

GALA Production Crew (Volunteers) for the "DuBois on Broadway" May 12, 2017

Executive Committee:

Site, Food, Program, and General Arrangements
Rick Porter, Co-Chair
Rev. Jerry Amiri, Co-Chair
Norma Borgmann, Co-Chair

Promotion Design:

Barb Pizzini of The Write Stuff Custom Graphic Design

Registration:

Nancy Borgmann, Registrar
Christy Pursell, ISC Office
Lynnette Schuepbach, ISC Office
Shirley Bergmann, ISC Office
Carol Amiri
Kathy Porter

Invitations & Mailing Lists:

Norma Borgmann and Nancy Borgmann,
Co-Chairs
Barb Pizzini of The Write Stuff
Lynnette Schuepbach, ISC Mailing List
Priscilla Self, DuBois Center Mailing List

Musicians/Entertainment:

Rev. Jerry Amiri, Chair/Power Point Producer

Dawn Reinhard, Accompanist
Joe Bolyard, Sound Tech

Master of Ceremonies:

Rev. John Holst



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Pray for...

Prayer list for

May 21 - May 27, 2017

Churches & Pastors

- Waterloo Zion UCC, Rev. Nancy (Kevin) Spier-Lee
- Wood River St. John UCC,

New DuBois Center Video Designers:

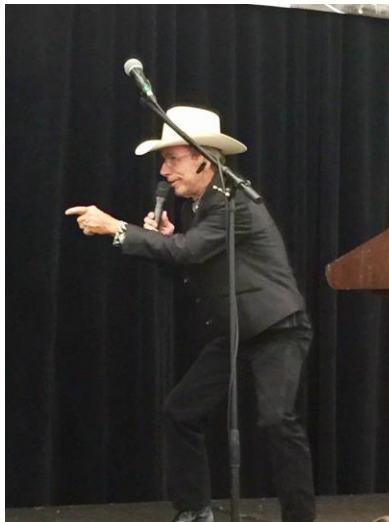
Mark and Debbie Beckmeyer

Silent Auction:

Norma Borgmann and Nancy Borgmann, Co-Chairs
Shirley Bergmann, Cashier
Carol Faust, Cashier
Lynnette Schuepbach, Cashier
Kristen Belcher
Susan Fuchs
Synthia Kalinowski
Kathy Porter
Megan Porter
Kara Schmid

Oral Auction:

Rick Porter, Chair
Cowboy Kolweier, Auctioneer
Levi Kolweier, Displayer
Renee Kolweier, Recorder
Sue Kolweier, Recorder
Kenny Grotenfendt, Displayer
Linda Grotenfendt, Securer of Item(s) and Recorder
Virginia Ilch, Securer of Item(s)
Jeanette Materkowski, Securer of Item(s)
Stephanie Williams, Securer of Item(s) and Recorder
Rev. Don Wagner, Recorder
Kent Schroeder, Securer of Item(s)



WOW Collectors/Counters:

Norma Borgmann and Nancy Borgmann, Co-Chairs
Aaron Fuchs, Announcer
Donna Asbridge
Shirley Asmussen
Joan Daab
Julie Harris
Roger Harris
Becky Harrison
Angie Hausmann
Rev. Todd Mushaney
Christy Pursell



Decorations-table:

Nancy Wagner, Chair and the St. Paul's Women's Group, Lebanon
Becky Harrison
Angie Hausmann

Decorations-stage:

Carol Amiri, Chair
Greeters-front doors and inside ball room area:
Shirley Asmussen
Donna Asbridge
Rev. Jerry Bennett
Joan Daab
Virginia Ilch
Rick Porter

50/50 Drawing:

Rich Schrumpf, Chair
Don Kaiser
Danielle Porter
Richard Porter
Mary Stumpf
Mike Stumpf



Seating Arrangements/Thank You Notes' & Receipt Preparers:

Norma Borgmann and Nancy Borgmann

Rev. Michael (Sue)
Southcombe

Retired Pastor

- Rev. Louis Fluck, Marion, IL

People with Life Concerns

- Please pray for Nancy (Rev. Robert) Tripp as she deals with serious health issues. Cards may be sent to her at 9008 E South Circle Dr, Effingham, IL 62401.

- Keep Dorothy Edwards in your prayers as she deals with health issues. Dorothy is a member of the East St. Louis Good Shepherd of Faith and the mother of Pastor Norma Patterson.

Vocal Musicians:

Rev. Jerry Bennett
 Rev. Christy Eckert
 Tarrah Vaupel
 Rev. Dr. Don Wagner
 Breanne Alvarez
 Melanie Angel
 Chasity Cueto
 Sara Gottman
 Jaime Ingle
 Dan Kohlfield
 Caetyln Van Buren
 Christine Brewer

Accompanist: Dawn Reinhardt

Sound/Tech: Joe Bolyard

Director: Rev. Jerry Amiri

**Love, Love, Love**

A pastor accepted a new call. The pastor was excited about the new ministry. The church was excited too, and hoped their new pastor would lead them in new directions. On the first Sunday, the pastor used John 13:34-35 as the sermon text. "*A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.*" The congregation was pleased with the pastor's first Sunday and first sermon.

The next Sunday they were surprised when their new pastor preached the exact same sermon using the exact same scripture lesson. When the pastor preached it a third time on the third Sunday, the congregation complained to the leadership. The chair of the pastor-parish relations committee went to the pastor and asked the obvious question, "Why are you preaching the same sermon every week? The pastor simply answered, "When the church starts practicing this sermon, I'll write a new one!"

Essentially all of Jesus' life, ministry, preaching, and teaching can be summed up in a one word message--love. Of course, love existed before Jesus ever walked this earth. It was out of love that God created humanity. Out of love, God desired a relationship with humanity. Out of love, God sent Jesus to remind us how to live fully in that love and love one another. Jesus was love incarnate.

All of Jesus' teachings can be summarized in his instruction to the disciples found in the thirteen chapter of John, verse 34, "*A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.*" Why does Jesus claim this as a new command? What is new about it for us?

Jesus' command to love goes beyond the golden rule--do unto others, as you would have them do unto to you. Jesus' command raises the bar. Jesus' command raises the standard. Jesus' command demands that disciples of every time, generation, culture, and race must work to figure out how to love others as Jesus would. His extravagant love becomes the standard for every believer of every age.

Jesus also clearly explains that there is one basic identifier for how he and others will know you are a disciple. As John 13, verse 35 says, "*By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.*" Did you catch it? It is one word, one way we will be identified as disciples--love. That is why we sing "And they'll know we are Christians by our love."

Yet, what puzzles me is how Christians are better known for their judgmental attitudes, quick judgments, harsh criticisms, intolerance, and even hatred. Sadly, there are many Christians that are more worried about defining for the world what they stand against instead of what they stand for by living out and expressing fully the extravagant love of Jesus.

There is a reason that the words to the song are NOT "And they'll know we are Christians by what we dislike, oppose and turn away."

Jesus' command is clear. "*Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.*" It is a message that

we in the Church still need to hear and be challenged to practice. May we so fully stand up for, live out, and express fully the extravagant love of Jesus so that everyone WILL know we are disciples by our love.

Blessings, Shana

SHARING IN WORSHIP WITH YOU

A Note from Shana: My worship schedule for upcoming weeks:

May 21

Worshipping at St. John UCC in Weldon Springs (baptizing my nieces)

May 28 - June 2

On vacation (celebrating my 25th wedding anniversary)

June 4

Preaching at Grantfork UCC for their 145th Anniversary

June 11

Preaching at Fieldon UCC for their 150th Anniversary

June 25

Preaching at St. Peter UCC, Centralia

I am currently planning my worship schedule for September, 2017 and beyond. If I have not been at your church yet, I would love an invitation! Please reach out to me at the office at 618-654-2125 or on my cell phone at 618-882-8247 with some possible dates. You can also send me an email at sjohnson@iscucc.org. I am looking forward to meeting you and sharing in worship with you.

Blessings, Shana **Your OCWM monies at work.**



The Insurance Board often offers free webinars to give you the latest on keeping your church and the members safe.

[Here are some upcoming webinars:](#)

Fire Prevention and Protection for Churches

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

2:00 PM to 3:00 PM (Eastern Time)

Click [here](#) to register.

Keeping your Ministries Safe: 5 Things Churches Can Do to Prevent Abuse

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

2:00 PM to 3:00 PM (Eastern Time)

Click [here](#) to register.

St. Paul UCC in Columbia will host Walking in Wisdom, a labyrinth workshop, on Sat, May 20 from 9:30 am - 11:30 am presented by Rev. Dr. Martha Brunell at the Columbia Community Labyrinth.

Learn about labyrinths and the traditions of "walking meditation." Explore how you may grow spiritually through this Way of Wisdom. No previous experience needed! No religious background needed! All are welcome! For more information, contact Margie Lindhorst at 618-281-4090. Click [here](#) for a flyer.



Raising Cheerful Givers WEEK 1 - Part 1 - INTRODUCTION

Today's kids will need all the help they can get to thrive financially in this world, while fully understanding the connection between faith and finance. Our children and young people are under assault with messages to spend, be greedy and grab immediate gratification wherever possible. Our culture is teaching our kids how to handle money. It is not God's way. Helping our children understand financial principles will not only help manage their money, but also become good stewards.

In these next few issues, we will look at what parents can do to help grow generous, joyful givers who will continue to impact Christ's kingdom for years to come.

Teaching our kids good financial values while they are still under our authority will give them the tools they need to do well in the real world. The goal is to establish a strategy for independence so they can handle their own finances successfully before they leave home. It will also provide a rich opportunity to share with them the important understanding that everything we have belongs to God, and we are to handle our possessions in a way that is honoring to Him.

It is important to provide our children with the proper environment to practice the discipline of handling finances, to monitor their activity so that we can maximize teachable moments, to help them set attainable goals, and finally, be sure to offer them encouragement and praise for their efforts.

Of course, teaching kids good financial values can begin at any age, but the younger we start the better. Research has found that children ages 7 and younger remember about 90 percent of what they do, but less than 10 percent of what they hear. They learn best by doing, feeling, hearing and seeing. Older children also learn best by doing, but they have the capacity to begin making personal decisions and learn from them. Teens are able to think abstractly and logically,

but are heavily influenced by peer pressure. They are beginning to integrate attitudes and behavior with the principles we have taught them. If by this time we have not taught good financial values, it is unlikely that those values will win over the values of contemporary culture.

Our kids need to learn about stewardship, and what better place to learn these lessons than at home, right here and right now.

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This comes to you from the Local Church Empowerment Team, we hope you find it helpful. We are looking for new members to help us come up with new ways to help all of our churches in our Conference and around the world. Please let someone at the Conference office know or call Angela Zapp at 618-599-9277 if you are interested in helping with stewardship, Christian Ed, and education for our Conference churches.

Thanks Angela Zapp Chair of Local Church Empowerment Team

DuBois Center News

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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Finch, Sparkle, Pastor Skippy, Kayak, Nurse Bandit, El Padre, Banana, Squeak, Shark Bait - What's with all the weird names? Since 2011, "camp names" have been the norm for summer staff and volunteers at DuBois Center. Some are silly and pulled from... who knows where. Others have stories and traditions behind them. Banana (Daisy Mercer) was first introduced to a new way to open bananas during summer staff training. To avoid inhaling pollen and dust, Nurse Bandit wears a bandana over her nose and mouth when driving around camp on a Gator. Pastor Skippy, who loves peanut butter, has been a camp chaplain for decades at a variety of different camps and his name has traveled with him. It's a tradition! We use "camp names" during the summer at DuBois Center because they are FUN, and because sometimes there are just too many Ryans and Merediths running around. Real names are shared on the last day of each session and they are listed on the sign-out sheets when parents pick up their children at the end of a camp. If a counselor senses that a parent is nervous about not knowing their "real name," the leader might take them aside and share that detail in advance. What's in a name - a lot of silliness!

Your OCWM monies at work.

Don't Delay; Register Today!

Summer vacation is a great time to get outside, unplug and make new friends face-to-face. Give your kids the gift of joyful, low-tech, faith-filled fun this summer! 2017 Summer Adventures at DuBois Center are filling quickly - some already have wait lists! However, there are still lots of great options available, just don't wait too long. Pick up a brochure in your church office, go to www.DuBoisCenter.org or click [here](#) to view the online edition.



WELCOME LEXI!

After traveling hundreds of miles, members of the DuBois Center equestrian team found a horse that seems to be a perfect fit for our program. They are excited to introduce the newest member of the DuBois Center herd - Lexi! She is a seven year-old Haflinger who stands 14 hands tall. She is shorter than many of our horses, but very sturdy, which makes her an ideal ride for a variety of campers and guests. Volunteers spent the last two weekends working with her in preparation for summer - introducing her to the herd, riding the trails and getting her settled in the Deer Run pasture for a week with her new friends. By all accounts, Lexi is a gentle, easy-going horse who is quick

to make new friends. She already seems like "just one of the herd" - which is often not the case initially for new horses. Click [here](#) to view a Facebook album of photos. NOTE: After recent retirements, the equestrian team is still looking for one more "perfect fit" to round out the herd. If you have any recommendations, contact Scott Kuether at sekuether21@gmail.com. **Your OCWM monies at work.**



RECYCLE your GOLF CART

Planning to replace your golf cart this spring? Have one that is just taking up space? DuBois Center is in need of a 4-seat golf cart - gas or electric. Currently our nurses use a Gator with two seats to

respond to situations and deliver medication. If a camper needs to be transported back to the health center for treatment, there is no room for a third person. Renting a golf cart for the summer is very expensive, so we are exploring other options. You can help with this critical need and, perhaps, save dollars; donations are tax-deductible. For more information contact Shirley at shirley.director@DuBoisCenter.org or 618-787-2202.

CABIN COUNSELORS

Kid - focused! Faith-filled! Safety-conscious! Young at heart! If these characteristics describe you, please consider sharing your gifts and talents at DuBois Center this summer. Volunteer cabin counselors work hand in hand with summer staff members to guide small groups of campers. In doing so, they touch lives and make a real difference.

We are currently recruiting volunteer counselors for three and six-day sessions. Contact DuBois Center at 618-787-2202 or dcinfo@DuBoisCenter.org. Volunteer applications are available [online](#).



DuBois Center is your OCWM (Our Church's Wider Mission) monies at work. When you or your congregation gives to OCWM, you are directly supporting the work of DuBois, a Camp and Retreat Center of the Illinois South Conference of the United Church of Christ. Thank you for your ongoing support of OCWM!



CHHSM News
Council for Health and Human Service Ministries

Job Opportunity:



Deaconess Foundation is searching for a Director of Advocacy. The Director of Advocacy stewards strategic communications to advance the foundation's public policy agenda for child well-being. The Director will establish and maintain relationships with targeted constituents, policymakers, researchers and media through personal contact and media platforms. S/he will support the CEO in development and implementation of the organization's leadership strategy and annual communications plans. To learn more about this opportunity including responsibilities, qualifications, and how to apply, visit the Deaconess Foundation [website](#).



Chaplain Needed: Emmaus Homes is searching for a Chaplain to serve in our western service provision area, including Warren and Franklin counties. This position reports directly to Rev. Cindy Bumb, Vice President of Spiritual Care. Responsibilities include worship, sacrament, Bible study leadership, spiritual care and case management, community outreach, and leadership development. Must hold UCC ordained minister standing, licensure, or UCC privilege of call. Experience working in a health or human service organization a plus. This is a full-time position with benefits. Emmaus Homes is related to the UCC through membership in the Council for Health and Human Service Ministries. We provide around the clock support services to almost 300 adults with developmental disabilities in four Missouri counties. We encourage candidates to apply [online](#) or you may send a profile or resume to Erin Zimmermann, Recruiting Manager, Emmaus Homes, 3731 Mueller Road, St. Charles, MO 63301. Deadline for applications is May 10, 2017.

What's Happening at Illinois South Conference...

Boundary Training is a requirement to maintain your standing with the Illinois South Conference of UCC, and must be completed every 3 years. You should have received notice that your requirement is due this year. If you have questions, contact Christy at cpursell@iscucc.org or call 618-654-2125.

Missouri Mid-South Conference of the UCC has scheduled Boundary Training which can be used to satisfy the requirement for Illinois South Conference pastors as well. The schedule is:

St. Louis Association:

Thursday, May 25, 2017 - Kirkwood UCC
1603 Dougherty Ferry Road, St. Louis, MO 63122
8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Facilitators: Rev. Mark Robinson and TBD

Contact mms@mmsucc.org for registration form. The cost to attend Boundary Training is \$30.00 per person, but is waived for all retired clergy. If you are an Eden seminarian, please be aware that the next boundary training for students will be held in JANUARY 2018.



Rainbow Camp Registration is now open. Rainbow Camp is Aug. 12, 2017 at DuBois Center, from 9 am - 7 pm. You can ride a horse, paddle a canoe, take a pontoon ride, make several crafts, shoot some arrows, catch a fish and a lot more, while making a bunch of new friends. The day will wrap up with a bbq dinner on the patio of Oak Lodge overlooking the lake. Rainbow Camp is for everyone in the LGBTQ community and straight allies. Register [online](#) now to get the early bird discount. See the camp [flyer](#) for more information.

Job Opportunity:

A Coordinator of Christian Education is open at St. Paul UCC in Belleville. The job requires 25 hours/week and pays \$25,000 annually. Benefits are to be determined. The Coordinator of Christian Education helps plan, coordinate and implement Christian education and faith development programs for all ages according to the requirements of the Safe Church policy. Read [more](#). Contact Rev. Robert Koepcke at rkoepcke@stpaulucc.org.



The Center for Progressive Renewal is offering a summer semester online UCC History, Polity and Theology class beginning on May 31 and ending August 16. The class has met the polity requirements of most Committees on Ministry in the UCC, and has been accepted as a for credit course over nine seminaries, including Union (NYC), Vanderbilt, Candler, Columbia, Lexington, Eden, and Lancaster and a number of others. Both Lancaster and Union list this course in their catalogs.

Students taking the class for credit need to contact Tim Downs. Certificates of Completion are issued for all students who successfully complete the requirements for the class. Letters with a grade and summary assessment of the student's performance in the class for Committees on Ministry are available upon request. Any questions can be directed to Tim Downs, the lead instructor, at timothy.c.downs@gmail.com and click [here](#) to register.

Region 2

On Fri, June 2 from 3 pm - 7 pm, St. Paul UCC in Floraville will host an American Red Cross blood drive in honor of a long-time member, Bob Raffety. During his extended illness from August to December 2016, he never complained during the most difficult times. You are invited to join them to donate blood for other patients in need. To schedule an appointment please go to redcrossblood.org and enter the Sponsor Code: BobRaffety. Bring a valid photo ID. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Region 9

Good Shepherd of Faith and the ISC Hunger Action Committee are sponsoring a Raised-bed Gardening Workshop on Thurs, May 18 from 11 am - 1 pm at 1514 Kansas Ave in E St. Louis. Lunch provided. Attendance is free, but registration is requested (for lunch count). Call Pastor Norma Patterson 618-271-9770 or Margie Lindhorst 618-281-4090 or mlind@htc.net. Good Shepherd of Faith began their raised-bed garden in May 2016, with the mission of growing vegetables to provide healthy food and enhance the lives of their neighbors. They are also planting a fruit tree orchard. In 2016, they received grants from the ISC Hunger Action Fund, St. Clair County "Get Up and Grow," and St. Louis Composting. Member and retired E. St. Louis Police Officer, Milton Jones, has

VBS - June

June 12 - 16; 9 am - 12 pm; Maeystown St. John UCC; *Hero Central - Discover Your Strength in God!*

June 12 - 16; 9 am - 12 pm; Freeburg St. Paul's UCC in cooperation with the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Freeburg; *Hero Central - Discover Your Strength in God!*

June 19 - 23; 8:45 am - 12 pm; Mascoutah St. John UCC; *Maker Fun Factory: Created by God, Built for a Purpose.*

June 19 - 23; 6 pm; Dinner at 5 pm - 5:45 pm. Troy Friedens UCC; *Maker Fun Factory: Created by God, Built for a Purpose.*

June 19 - 23; 6 pm - 8:30 pm; Belleville Concordia UCC; *Maker Fun Factory: Created by God, Built for a Purpose.*

June 26 - 30; Dupo Christ UCC; *Hero Central - Discover Your Strength in God!*

Region 3

Eden Church in Edwardsville will host a Pastor Resource Day presented by Gift of Voice on Wed, July 19 from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. This unique forum focuses on

personal wellness, community collaboration and making an eternal difference. In addition to our phenomenal keynote speakers, topics include Healthy Leadership, Suicide Prevention, Integrated Healthcare, Trauma-Informed Ministry and Christ-Centered Advocacy. Speakers are Nanette Larson, DMH, and Carlton Speight, SAMHSAC. Cost is \$10. Click [here](#) for registration form.

Region 4

Wood River St. John UCC will host an "All You Can Eat" Spaghetti Supper on Thurs, May 18 from 4 pm to 7 pm. Adults \$8; Children 5-12 yrs \$4; and Children under 5 yrs eat free (dine-in only). Meal includes "all you can eat" spaghetti, salad, Italian bread, drink and your choice of a delicious dessert. Visa and Mastercard accepted. Handicap accessible and carry-outs available upon request.

Region 5

St. Jacob United Church of Christ will host its Strawberry Festival on May 21 from 10 am - 3 pm at the Township Park in St. Jacob. Music, crafters, jump houses. Entertainment for the kids. Lunch available: brats, hot dogs, chicken kabobs and strawberry desserts. Berry Bike Ride sponsored by trailnet. Register at www.trailnet.org.

been an enthusiastic leader in this mission of GSOE. Pastor Norma and Milton want to spread this mission to surrounding churches and invite you to an inspiring day in "the garden."

Chicken Dinner & Strawberry Festival will be held at Concordia UCC in Belleville (Millstadt) on Sun, June 4 from 11 am - 3 pm. Menu includes fried chicken with all the "fixins." Dine-in and carry-outs, call 618-476-3377. Adults \$11; Children 6-12 - \$5.50; Children 5 & Under free. Quilt Raffle Chances \$1 or 6/\$5. Bake sale and craft sale. *Note: Chicken is fried in peanut oil.

VBS - May

May 22 - 26; 9 am - 12 pm; Waterloo St. Paul UCC; *Cokesbury's Super Hero Central*

VBS - June

June 5 - 9; 9 am - 11:30 am; Fieldon UCC;
June 5 - 9; 9 am - 12 pm; Columbia St. Paul UCC; *Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God!*
June 5 - 9; 8:30 am - 11:30 am; Okawville St. Peter's UCC; *Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God!*
June 5 - 9; 9 am - 11 am; Highland Evangelical UCC; *Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God!*
June 5 - 9; 8:30 am - 11:30 am; Valmeyer St. John UCC; *Maker Fun Factory: Created by God, Built for a Purpose.*
June 10; 9 am - 4 pm with Family Carnival from 4 pm - 6 pm; Belleville St. Paul UCC; Superhero theme.

VBS - July

July 9 - 13; 6 pm - 8 pm; Granite City St. John UCC; *Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God!*
July 9 - 11; 6 pm - 9 pm; Midway St. John UCC; *Camp Out VBS.*
July 10 - 14; 9 am - 12 pm; Collinsville St. John Evangelical UCC; *Rome: Paul and the Underground Church.*
July 17 - 21; 6 pm - 8:20 pm; Red Bud St. Peter UCC; *Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God!*
July 17 - 21; 6 pm - 8:30 pm; O'Fallon UCC; *Maker Fun Factory: Created by God, Built for a Purpose.*
July 17 - 21; 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm; at Centralia St. Peter UCC including 1st Christian Church, 1st Presbyterian Church, 1st United Methodist Church, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Zion UCC, and St. Peter UCC; *Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God!*
July 23 - 26; 5:15 pm - 8 pm; at Metropolis St. Rose Catholic Church joint VBS with Metropolis Zion UCC; *Campout, Getting S'more of Jesus.*
July 24-28; 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm; New Athens, St. John UCC; *Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God!*
July 24 - 28; 9 am - 11:30 am; New Baden Zion UCC; *Rome: Paul and the Underground Church.* Lunch at 11:30 am as part of the summer lunch program for kids through St. Louis Food Bank.
July 24 - 28; 6 pm - 8:30 pm; Jerseyville Peace UCC; *Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God!*
July 30 - August 3; 6 pm - 8 pm; Carlinville St. Paul UCC; *Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God!*