



January 18, 2022

### **DuBois 6.0 - On the Move**

DuBois Center will get a facelift in 2022. The current donations are at **\$38,472** because of generous donors. Thanks! We're on our way! **Here's what we're striving to do** - Estimates as of Aug. 2021

- Oak Lodge Windows Replaced \$17,650
- Camp Office Windows Replaced \$4,500
- Oak Lodge Air Conditioning \$15,740
- Oak Lodge Basement Sealed and Dehumidifier Purchased \$6,000
- New Hillside Cottage Built \$77,000
- Lumber Shed Roof \$3,000
- Program Directors House Updates \$7,000
- Temporary Infirmary: To be reaccredited by the American Camping Association, we need a multi-bed infirmary temporarily in half of Roadside Cottage \$3,000
- Road Repairs \$18,500
- New Fish Hill Cabin on Rustic Side of Camp \$10,400
- New Archery Range and Bouldering Wall \$10,000
- Deep Water Solar Lake Aerator \$6,000
- Boat House Solar Power \$1,200
- Deer Run Lodge Repairs and Updates \$4,500
- Deer Run Shower House \$10,300
- New Hay Barn \$30,000
- Fence Painting \$500

### **How You Can Contribute**

- **Sponsor** a project.
- **Share** your mandatory IRA distributions
- **Share Stock** or Bonds
- **Share Tax Refund**
- **Dinners**- Plan to attend two special Taste of DuBois Dinners in 2022
- **Sweat Equity**

### **Prayer list for Jan 30-Feb 5, 2022**

#### **Churches & Pastors**

- Dupo Christ UCC, Rev. Todd (Suzanne) Mushaney
- Dupo First Congregational UCC, Pastor Julie Kies

#### **Retired Pastors**

- Rev. Dave and Kathryn Riebeling, Fufts, IL

#### **People with Life Concerns**

-Please pray for the family of **Lois Propeck**, widow of Pastor Don Propeck, as they mourn her death in August of 2021. Pastor Propeck was the pastor and teacher for Jamestown, St. Paul UCC. We regret that we have not had this information earlier. Click [here](#) for the full obituary.

-Pray for **Rev. Bill Causer**, as he deals with some health issues. Cards may be sent to him at 1315 N Presley Ln, Mt. Vernon, IL 62864.

-Keep **Rev. Gus (Sue) Kuether** in your prayers as he recovers from surgery. Rev. Kuether is a retired ISC pastor and has served on many ISC teams and committees. Cards may be sent to him at 536 Pebble Brook Ln, Belleville IL 62221.

-Pray for those who are **hungry**.

-Pray for the **United States** as we work towards equality and civility for all.

-Pray for the **healthcare workers** and **families dealing with COVID-19**.

-Please pray for the **people who are dealing with tornado damage and the loss of family and friends**.

- **Cash Online** at [www.iscucc.org](http://www.iscucc.org) and [www.DuBoisCenter.org](http://www.DuBoisCenter.org).

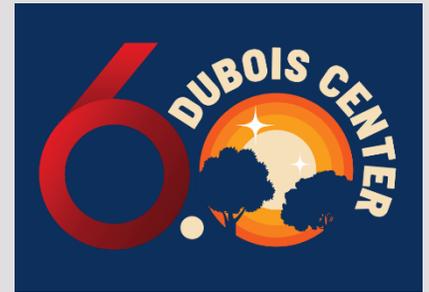
- Prayers

### DuBois 6.0 Capital Campaign Goal

**\$225,290**

*Note: Project order will be determined by availability of materials and funds.*

Contact United Church Funds at 212-729-2628 or [matt.wagner@ucfunds.org](mailto:matt.wagner@ucfunds.org) to learn how to donate IRA distributions and stock to DuBois 6.0. Dates and more information on the Taste of DuBois dinners will be coming in early 2022.



### The Amazing People of Illinois South Conference...

When **Bethel UCC in Cahokia** became an ONA (Open & Affirming) church, the **Carbondale Church of the Good Shepherd** (also an ONA church), congratulated Bethel UCC by giving them a banner with signatures from their members on the back of the banner. Bethel UCC members followed the lead of the Church of the Good Shepherd with signatures of their members joining those of the Church of the Good Shepherd. The banner will now be passed to the next ISC

church that becomes an ONA church.



### Martin Luther King, Jr - A Man of Influence

According to <http://www.nobelprize.org>, "At the age of thirty-five, Martin Luther King, Jr., was the youngest man to have received the Nobel Peace Prize. When notified of his selection, he announced that he would turn over the prize money of \$54,123 to the furtherance of the civil rights movement." Although some of us were sheltered from the protests of the late 50s and 60s, a person must wonder how each of us has influenced the outcome of those protests and changing society. Perhaps we do not have the same magnitude of influence as Martin Luther King, Jr., but we should be aware that each word and action are influencing others around us. May the influence be a part of the path God has intended for us.

Lynnette Schuepbach, ISC Communications Coordinator

## DuBois Center News

### Do You Receive an Automatic IRA Distribution?

If you receive an automatic IRA distribution that you don't need for living expenses, perhaps from an inherited IRA, please consider donating it to the DuBois 6.0 capital campaign this year. We have already received close to \$39,000 of the \$225,290 needed to complete the 17 projects included in this campaign. The Oak Lodge air conditioning project is almost finished, and three other projects are just waiting on some materials and volunteers to finish them. The second round of projects needs to start soon, some of which includes work on the Deer Run shower house and lodge, moving the archery range and building a new bouldering wall. These projects will add tent camping capacity and programming activities to the 2022 summer camp season. Your donations will make a big difference in getting these done in the first quarter of the year.

If you would like to donate an IRA distribution to DuBois 6.0, please contact Matt Wagner with United Church Funds at [matt.wagner@ucfunds.org](mailto:matt.wagner@ucfunds.org) for more information.



## Interested in becoming foster parents?



Full-time compensation for both partners.

Hoyleton Youth and Family Services is expanding their Therapeutic Foster Care services. This expansion presents an opportunity for three identified foster youth, currently in residential care at Hoyleton, to live in community with qualified foster parents in a single-family home.

This program was created to address a service gap that exists in Illinois. The state has limited residential treatment opportunities and even fewer transition programs for youth in care who need additional support. Due to the limited options, youth are residing in Hoyleton's residential treatment program longer than what is needed.

This is an amazing family bonding opportunity for both foster parents and youth. Foster parents will live in the newly renovated home while providing full-time care for 3 children.

Foster parents will receive compensation covering all living expenses and respite time for foster parents is also provided.

Hoyleton is actively searching for interested foster parents. A minimum 2 years of experience fostering youth is preferred. Interested foster parents must not have other children in their care at this time. If this rewarding, yet challenging, opportunity is of interest to you or someone you know, we would love to speak with you.

For more information please contact Mindy Miller at 618-688-4756 or [mmiller@hoyleton.org](mailto:mmiller@hoyleton.org). To learn more about Hoyleton Youth and Family Services click [here](#).

### Health & Human Service Sunday - January 30

Every year, the United Church of Christ designates a Sunday in January as the time to uplift the many gifts of the Health and Human Service Ministries across the church. **This year, Health and Human Service Sunday takes place on January 30, 2022.** Liturgical resources for observing Health and Human Service Sunday are now available on CHHSM's website or by clicking on the blue button below. This year's materials were composed by the Rev. Dr. Elyse Berry and include new elements such as an opening meditation for the body and a litany for collective care.

Especially now, it is worth remembering that the word liturgy means "work of the people," and this special Sunday is a way to celebrate the healing work of our CHHSM members. To find out more or purchase some resources, click [here](#).

### Scholarships & Grants

The United Church of Christ has scholarships and grants available for a variety of purposes in three broad categories: Ministry Education Scholarships, Program Grants, and Leadership Development Scholarships. In addition to what is listed here, check with the Admissions Office at your educational institution to find out about additional scholarships that may be available. Click [here](#) to see the different options in all three categories.

### UCC National Youth Event Conference for Leaders

On February 7-8, the national setting will offer a virtual conference for 100 youth ministers and leaders to reimagine youth ministry, National Youth Event, and other events for the future. Registration can be completed [here](#).

Additionally, we are asking anyone who has regular contact with youth in the United Church of Christ to complete a short survey to provide additional insight to the Faith INFO team and national setting. You may access the survey [here](#).

Your responses and presence are greatly appreciated. For questions or additional information please reach out to Rev. Trayce Potter at [pottert@ucc.org](mailto:pottert@ucc.org).

**The Cultivating Generous Congregations Seminar for pastors and lay leaders** offers an opportunity to **explore faithful, practical, and tested ways to promoting generosity** in our congregations. The seminar draws on current research, seeks guidance from the wisdom of scripture, and discusses the best practices in church-based fundraising. Class sessions held on six Thursdays between Feb. 24 – May 12 from 7:00 – 8:30pm Eastern Time. Between class sessions, the instructors provide materials to help you analyze the culture of your own congregation and learn how to create change. **Register today:** The CGC Seminar is \$300 for a team of two leaders. Register [here](#) by February 10, 2022.



### **Programs at St. John's Community Care**

St. John's Community Care offers a **free medical equipment loan program** at the Collinsville location. Anyone is welcome to come in for a wheelchair, walker, commode, bath chair, crutches, canes and more. Small equipment only. Anyone wishing to make a donation to our loan program may drop off small medical equipment (9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday except holidays) to supplement our inventory knowing that it will help someone in need. Call 618-344-

5008.

The **Savvy Caregiver 6-week series** will be held on Thursdays beginning on Jan. 27 from 10 am - 12 pm. This workshop is taught by professional instructors using curriculum developed by the University of Minnesota. The workshop is for active caregivers of a family member or friend living at home with dementia. Caregivers learn to develop new strategies for caring for the person living with the disease as well as caring for themselves. These strategies and skills have been shown to decrease the stress of caregiving and increase well-being for both. No cost to attend. Call 618-344-5008 to register.

## **What's Happening in Illinois South Conference**

### **Job Opportunity: Development Director**

The **Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society**, a nationwide organization, is seeking a part-time development director to join our team. The director's primary objective will help move the Society closer to its financial goals by actively pursuing fundraising opportunities for the Society, including an annual appeal campaign to an established donor base, developing relationships between the Society and new potential donors, grant writing, and managing fundraising operations. The ideal candidate will be experienced in fundraising for faith-based non-profit organizations. Lastly, the Society seeks a consultant who is motivated, organized, and believes in the society's mission. Complete description [here](#).

### **Region 5**

**Postponed** - GUCC Instruments of Your Peace: 150 Years of Song and Service scheduled for Jan 23 has been postponed. Keep checking for future plans.

**Alhambra Salem UCC** will hold its 74th Sausage Supper on Sat, Jan 29 from 1 pm - 7 pm. This year it is drive through only . Menu includes homemade pork sausage, sauerkraut, potatoes and

gravy, green beans, applesauce. All meals are \$12. Meat sales - pre-order only due by Jan 25. Pick up is Thurs, Jan 27 from 10 am - 6 pm or on Sat, Jan 29 from 9 am - 11 am. Contact [salemuccmeatsales@agtelco.com](mailto:salemuccmeatsales@agtelco.com) or 618-488-3216.

## Region 9

**Belleville Christ UCC** will hold its 42nd Annual Wurstmart on Sunday, January 30 from 11 am. - 4 pm. It is drive thru or carry out only. All plates \$12. Menu includes pork sausage, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, green beans, applesauce and dessert.

## CONTACT US - YOUR OCWM MONIES AT WORK

**So we can better serve you, here is a list of your Conference staff and who you should contact, given your church's needs:**

For the work of Conference teams and committees or search and call inquiries, contact Christy Pursell at [cpursell@iscucc.org](mailto:cpursell@iscucc.org).

For financial matters (in terms of your church's giving to the Conference or OCWM), contact Debbie Kesner at [dkesner@iscucc.org](mailto:dkesner@iscucc.org).

For communicating within the Conference, the Conference website, Facebook page or Weekly Connection, contact Lynnette Schuepbach at [lschuepbach@iscucc.org](mailto:lschuepbach@iscucc.org).

For DuBois Center information, contact Hayley Elliott at 618-787-2202 or [director@DuBoisCenter.org](mailto:director@DuBoisCenter.org).

For DuBois Center program information, contact Rylee Hodges-Stone at 618-787-2202 or [program@DuBoisCenter.org](mailto:program@DuBoisCenter.org).

For DuBois Center registration for upcoming events and camp sessions, contact Julie Riechmann at 618-357-1809 or [jriechmann@iscucc.org](mailto:jriechmann@iscucc.org).

To speak with the Conference Minister, contact Rev. Shana Johnson 618-882-8247 or [sjohnson@iscucc.org](mailto:sjohnson@iscucc.org)

*Inclusivity Statement for DuBois Center and Illinois South Conference of the UCC  
Because we affirm the value of all God's people, the Illinois South Conference of the United Church of Christ does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, ability, national origin, religious background, sexual orientation, or gender identity. To the extent possible, we endeavor to accommodate those with a variety of physical, mental, emotional, medical, or dietary needs.*

## Important Links

[Illinois South Conference](#) [Back Bay Mission](#) [CHHSM](#) [Deaconess Foundation](#)

[Deaconess Nurse Ministry](#) [DuBois Center](#) [Ecuador Partnership](#)

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[Hoyleton Youth & Family](#) [LIFE Program](#) [Unleashing Potential](#) [New Athens Home](#)

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