

# Weekly Connection

For the Week of July 30, 2017 - August 5, 2017  
Diverse Minds, Covenant Hearts, Made One in the Body of Christ

## Annual Meeting Warm Up Event Chronicles of the UCC:

### History, Boundaries, Personalities, and Stories

On October 20, 2017, there will be an opportunity for you to learn more about Illinois South Conference and the United Church of Christ from 9:30 am - 4 pm at St. John Evangelical UCC in Collinsville. Traditionally, this day of education was for the clergy, but this year it is open to everyone.

There is much to learn...



**9:30 am - 4 pm**

### History and Governance of UCC

*presented by Rev. Dr. Martha Brunell*

The history of the UCC can help churches understand the differences of the original denominations that seem to create times of conflict in the present day church. Developing an understanding for this "bottom-up" structure of governance will help congregations understand the benefits and challenges of sharing the covenantal relationships churches have with each other. Rev. Brunell teaches classes designed to understand the history and polity of the UCC.

**9:30 am - 4 pm**

### The Secret Lives of Pastors

*presented by Rev. Shana Johnson, Designated Conference Minister*

This workshop is for all those who love the church and are curious about the lives of pastors. It will be an honest and humorous look at the call of a local church pastor - what a minister does and why, as well as the relationships between a pastor and the congregation.



**9:30 am - 4 pm**

### Understanding Personalities Through Enneagrams

*presented by Dr. Jill Baker*

The enneagram is an insightful tool that defines personalities in nine distinct types, examining those types in times of growth and stress. It can illuminate your spiritual development and add to your knowledge of why you react certain ways in certain situations. It can also help you understand how you interact with other types. This one-day crash course will introduce the nine personality types of the enneagram and help students determine their type, sub-type or instinct, and wing. It will also look at the emotional centers and underlying motivations for each type. The last portion of class will explore how different types interact with each other, particularly in church settings.

**1 pm - 4 pm**

### Storytelling in Worship

*presented by Rev. Jim Bear Jacobs*

Jim Bear Jacobs was born in 1977 in St. Paul, MN. He is a member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Mohican Nation, an American Indian tribe located in central Wisconsin. He has degrees in Pastoral Studies and Christian Theology and has served various churches as youth minister, adult Christian educator, and director of Men's Ministries. He is a cultural facilitator in the Twin Cities and works to raise the public's awareness of American Indian causes and injustices. He is a convener of "Healing Minnesota Stories," a committee dedicated to creating events of dialogue and education particularly within faith communities.

Click [here](#) for registration form. You may also register [online](#).



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## Pray for...

**Prayer list for  
July 30 - Aug 5, 2017  
Churches & Pastors**

- Columbia St. Paul UCC, Rev. Robert (Rev. Jan Dashner) Goddard, Sr. Pastor

## SHARING IN WORSHIP WITH YOU

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

### July 30

Worshiping at Zion UCC, New Baden

### August 6

Preaching at St. Peters, Murphysboro for their 125th anniversary celebration

### August 13

Preaching at Godfrey Congregational UCC

### August 27

Preaching at Summerfield St. John UCC/St. Jacob UCC

Shana's worship schedule is full through October 2017. If you would like to invite her to worship with you for November 2017 and beyond, reach out to her at 618-654-2125 (office) or 618-882-8247 (cell) or [sjohnson@iscucc.org](mailto:sjohnson@iscucc.org).

Your OCWM monies at work.

## GLAUCE 2017 - More than Enough

### A Workshop Extravaganza!

### Great Lakes Association of United Church Educators

**Pastors, Spiritual Formation Leaders, Children's Ministry Volunteers!** Here's info about the Great Lakes Association of United Church Educators Annual Event to be held October 17-19 at Pokagon State Park in Indiana! Working with all of your input from last year, this event will feature MANY workshops, personal Sabbath time, and networking with colleagues. Looks to be awesome! Link to [online](#) registration is on the [flyer](#). Note that the price includes program/event, lodging and meals.

### Sixteen Workshops Including:

- Personal Growth & Development
- Missions
- Worship
- Sabbath
- Faith Formation
- Stewardship
- Messy Church
- Creativity & Fun



*The saying "lightning does not strike twice in the same place" is untrue. In fact, a building that has been struck by lightning in the past is exponentially more likely to be struck again.*

**Insurance Board is pleased to introduce a new program to provide premium discounts as an incentive for churches to install or upgrade lightning protection systems.**

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) statistics show that lightning accounts for 4% of all church fires, but 20% of the property damage as a result. If your church is located in a high risk area geographically or has been struck by lightning in the past, it is very important that you have a lightning protection system installed in accordance to NFPA standards (NFPA 780).

Lightning rod protection systems do not increase the risk of the building being struck, but they do provide a safe way of grounding the lightning and protecting buildings from damage and fire.

Our new incentive is based on giving a premium discount for churches:

- \* Installing a new lightning protection system
- \* Upgrading current system

\* Giving a credit to churches with such systems, if previous credit was not given.

Contact Patricia Stein at [pastein48@frontier.com](mailto:pastein48@frontier.com) or 815-635-1139 to find out more. Click [here](#) for flyer.

- Columbia St. Paul UCC, Rev. Kris (Nicole) Avise-Rouse, Associate Pastor

### Retired Pastor

- Rev. Michael and Elizabeth Marx, Owensboro, KY

### People with Life Concerns

- Please pray for Priscilla (Rev. Howard) Self as she recuperates from surgery. Priscilla works part-time for DuBois Center. She is a member of St. Peter's UCC in Okawville and the ISC Church & Ministry Church Committee. Cards may be sent to her at 12922 County Hwy. 27, Nashville IL 62263.

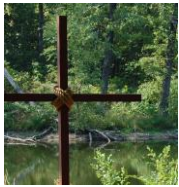
- Pray for Jeanne (Arnold) Meyer as she recovers from serious surgeries and complications. She is a member of Highland Evangelical UCC and the sister of Lynnette Schuepbach, ISC Communications Coordinator.

- Keep Lelynna (Rev. James) Langdoc in your prayers as she recovers from surgery.

Rev. Langdoc is a former ISC Associate Conference Minister. Cards may be sent to Lelynna at 2032 Sifield Greens Way #28, Sun City Center, FL 33573.

- Pray for Rev. Dr. Douglas Anders as he continues treatment for ongoing illness. Douglas is currently the Supply Pastor for Belleville Concordia UCC. Cards may be sent to him at 2921 Moniteau, St Louis MO 63121.

- 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.



## Thank You Chaplains!

Our last group of ISC summer campers arrived on Sunday. They will leave on Wednesday with memories that will last a lifetime - literally. This morning, I ate breakfast with a great group of first-time campers, well over half of whom had parents who attended camp when they were young. The others were encouraged to attend by leaders in their church - passing the light from one generation to the next. "We bring our light to the night; this is no time to hide... such a beautiful sight," is a line from one of our favorite new camp songs. Another group that brings and passes on this light is our chaplains for whom we are especially grateful. They help make curriculum theme come alive for our campers. They lead BLAST (Bible Learning and Spirit Time), prepare worship, and embody an amazing ministry of presence - walking with our campers and staff throughout a week of camp. Our chaplains are a fun, inspiring, eclectic bunch. Some are ordained ministers; some are Christian educators. Some are teachers, and some are parents or former staff members who want to stay involved and give back. A special thanks to our 2017 summer camp chaplains: Rev. Kris Avise-Rouse - St. Paul UCC Columbia; Joan Daab - Christ UCC Dupo; Rev. Janet Darmour-Paul - Grantfork UCC; Rev. Christy Eckert - Immanuel UCC Hamel; Angie Hausmann - St. Paul UCC, Lebanon; Audrey Hicks - St. Paul UCC, Waterloo; Rev. John Holst - Zion UCC Marion; Rev. R.J. Morgan - Zoar UCC New Hanover; Rev. Todd Mushaney - Christ UCC, Dupo; Alaina Sherle - St. Paul UCC, Waterloo.



Joan Daab, Dupo Christ UCC, with kids.



Rev. Christy Eckert, Hamel Immanuel UCC (left)



Rev. John Holst, Marion Zion UCC, (front) selfie with kids.



Alaina Sherle, Waterloo St. Paul UCC (left) with Aaron Fuchs.



## GROUP RIDES at DuBois Center

Is your youth group, family ministries program, scout troop or neighborhood playgroup wild about horses? Did you know that groups of six or more can schedule horseback rides at DuBois Center on weekends and mid-week school holidays? Trail rides, with an orientation in the arena, last for one hour and cost \$22 per person for day groups. Our Equestrian Team can also provide educational sessions related to badges

## Mind Your BeesWAX!

One of the great attractions at Fall Festival is the Kidz' Korner, a fun area full of cool crafts for youthful visitors. Candle dipping is a favorite activity, but requires LOTS of wax! DuBois Center is looking for candles to melt down and recycle into homemade pioneer-style dip candles. Solid-colored candles in shades of blue, red, purple and green are great, but we also use lots of plain white



(and some badge requirements) for all ages and levels of scouts, or "Horse Sense" sessions for non-scouting groups. For more information contact the DuBois Center office at [dcinfo@DuBoisCenter.org](mailto:dcinfo@DuBoisCenter.org) or 618-787-2202.

candles and those with colorful exteriors and white cores. If you've got old candles you're looking to get rid of, contact the DuBois Center office at [dcinfo@DuBoisCenter.org](mailto:dcinfo@DuBoisCenter.org) or 618-787-2202.

**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



**Raising Awareness about Alzheimer's Disease**  
A special screening of the award-winning documentary, **Glen Campbell - I'll Be Me** that chronicles music legend Glen Campbell and his farewell "Goodbye Tour" on **August 23 at the Granite City Cinema, 1243 Niedringhaus Ave, Granite City. Doors open at 11 am and the movie runs from noon - 2 pm.** The film documents this amazing journey as Glen and his family attempt to navigate the wildly unpredictable nature of his progressing disease using love, laughter and music as their medicine of choice. The event is FREE but reservations are required. RSVP to 618-531-9430 or to [msmith@hospice.org](mailto:msmith@hospice.org). Complimentary popcorn and soft drinks. Seating is limited. Sponsored by St. John's Community Care, AARP, and Hospice of Southern Illinois, Inc. Click [here](#) for a flyer.

## What's Happening at Illinois South Conference...

### The Insurance Board offers free Webinars

Here's what's happening soon

#### Know Your Score! Abuse Prevention Self Assessment

Wednesday, August 23, 2017 - 2 pm to 3 pm (Eastern Time) For more information and to register, click [here](#).

#### Keeping Ministries Safe: 5 Things Churches Can Do

Wednesday, September 13, 2017 - 2 pm to 3 pm (Eastern Time) - For more information and to register, click [here](#).

#### How to Avoid Background Screening Litigation

Wednesday, October 11, 2017 - 2 pm to 3 pm (Eastern Time) - For more information and to register, click [here](#).

**Metro-East Food Pantry Network invites you to participate in a networking workshop on August 30, at 2 pm, at the University of Illinois Extension Office, #1 Regency Drive, Suite 200, Collinsville, IL.** The agenda includes networking with area food pantry leaders and a program on volunteer management presented by Rich Skinner, VP United Way Volunteer Center. All are invited. Please RSVP Amy Funk at 618-344-4230 or [amyfunk@Illinois.edu](mailto:amyfunk@Illinois.edu). Click [here](#) for a flyer about the workshop. Click [here](#) for Metro-East Food Pantry Network's topics of interest.

### Region 2

### VBS - July

### Region 7

**New Hanover Zoar UCC in Columbia will host its Annual BBQ on Sat, Aug 5 from 4 pm - 7 pm.** Entertainment by George Portz and his Friends of Bluegrass and the "Lightning" Cloggers. Country store with homemade items. Silent auction. Pie auction. Pork steak plate \$10; Brat plate \$8.

**July 30 - August 3; 6 pm - 8 pm;** Carlinville St. Paul UCC; *Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God!*

**Nashville St. Paul UCC invites you to their annual Noodles & Doodles Art Show and Spaghetti Dinner on July 28.** The Art Show is from 4-7:30 pm; come and enjoy the wonderful creations by local artists. The Spaghetti Dinner is served from 4:30-7:30 pm, hosted by their Dorcas Circle ladies group. All you can eat spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, dessert and drink. Advance tickets: \$7 adults; \$4 kids 4-10 yrs., 3 and under free. Tickets at the door are \$8. All proceeds will help support a family in our community.