

Weekly Connection

For the Week of January 14, 2018 - January 20, 2018
Diverse Minds, Covenant Hearts, Made One in the Body of Christ



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - January 15

According to History.com

"African American civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his nonviolent resistance to racial prejudice in America. At 35 years of age, the Georgia-born minister was the youngest person ever to receive the award....

A powerful orator, he appealed to Christian and American ideals and won growing support from the federal government and northern whites. In 1963, he led his massive March on Washington, in which he delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" address. In 1964, the civil rights movement achieved two of its greatest successes: the ratification of the 24th Amendment, which abolished the poll tax, and the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibited racial discrimination in employment and education and outlawed racial segregation in public facilities. In October of that year, King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. He donated the prize money, valued at \$54,600, to the civil rights movement." **We celebrate equality in civil rights and peace for all.**

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The Amazing People of Illinois South Conference....

Representation from many ISC churches attended the New Athens Home Auxiliary Luncheon this fall. Members at the head table are (back row: left to right) Brett Palmer, Pastor of Marissa Friedens UCC, who gave the opening blessing; Diana Kunkelmann; Penny Rausch; Karen Zimmerman; (front row: left to right) Sara Archer, and Vickie Luter. The ladies expressed gratitude to all those who make the New Athens Home a pleasant nursing home in which to reside and work.



 **Congrats to the recipients of the Colonial Williamsburg's one week time share. They are the members of the Joshua Scherle family from Waterloo.** They won through the silent bid process which ended on January 4th. The Scherle parents (both teachers) and their children will indeed be living "history" during the celebration week of July 4th in Williamsburg. Their winning bid offer benefits DuBois Center and the Illinois South Conference's Disaster Relief Fund as a special fund-raiser. THANK YOU to the Scherle family for their support, and we hope they will enjoy this year's summer vacation in the eastern part of America.

Special THANKS also to Rich and Janet Zinn for donating this unique offer at the Williamsburg's Marriott Manor in Ford's Colony, Virginia. We also appreciate the promotional efforts expressed in the ISC *Weekly Connection* since October as well as those people who spread the word through "word of mouth" advertising for this endeavor.

Norma Borgmann on behalf of the Outdoor Ministries Team

Happy New Year! It's Time to Close the Books! ISC Financial Books will close on January 10, 2018 at 4 pm. If you want OCWM or any of the special offerings to be credited to 2017, these things must apply:

1. The date of the check must be dated 2017,
2. The contribution form must be dated 2017.

If these two requirements are not there, the contribution will be posted to your 2018 financials. This could affect your 5 for 5 standing for 2017. If you have questions, contact Shirley Bergmann at sbergmann@iscucc.org or 618-654-2125.

Pray for...

**Prayer list for
Jan 14 - Jan 20, 2018
Churches & Pastors**

- Pinckneyville St. Paul UCC, Rev. Cindy (Rev. Kerry) Bean
- Plum Hill St. John UCC, Rev. Don Jones

SHANA'S JANUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

January 14

Worshipping with the participants of our Winter Weekend retreat at DuBois

January 21

Preaching at St. Mark's UCC, DuBois

January 28

Preaching at Concordia UCC, Belleville

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 date. You can also send me an email at sjohnson@iscucc.org. **This is your OCWM monies at work.**

Retired Pastor

- Rev. Linda and Bob Coulson, Palm Coast, FL

People with Life Concerns

- Pray for Nancy (Rev. Bob) Tripp as she deals with health issues. Rev. Tripp is a retired pastor and they are members of Pana United in Faith Church. Cards may be sent to 9008 E South Cir Dr, Effingham IL 62401.
- Pray for Rev. Nancy (Kevin) Spier-Lee as deals with some health issues. Rev. Spier-Lee is the pastor of Waterloo Zion St. Joe UCC and a member of the ISC Committee on Ministry. Cards may be sent to 309 Kroeger Ave, Dupou, IL 62239



Online Registration is Open NOW!! Click [here](#).

We will be combining 2 events in March 2018. The Installation of Rev. Shana Johnson as Conference Minister and Day of Discipleship. Between the two events, ISC Pride will host a reception for all those attending.

The day begins at 9:30 am at the Highland Evangelical UCC for Day of Discipleship, featuring the keynote speaker, Rev. Dr. Kristina Lizardy-Hajbi, Director of the United Church of Christ CARD (Center for Analytics, Research and Data)



ministries.

Rev. Dr. Kristina Lizardy-Hajbi serves as the Director of CARD in the UCC's national setting. The mission of CARD is to gather and provide data and research for ministry transformation, with a vision that empowers and champions innovation and change for a just world for all. She conducts research in the areas of congregational vitality, ministerial excellence, and young adult spirituality and works ecumenically with researchers to create vitality metrics for congregations.

In addition to earning a Master of Divinity degree from Iliff School of Theology, she holds a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership, Research and Policy from the University of Colorado and has served as adjunct faculty at both alma maters. She has also taught courses for the Center for Progressive Renewal and been a faculty member of the Council for Health and Human Services (CHHSM) leadership development program, the Nollau Institute. On a national scale, Kristina serves as steering committee co-chair of the Faith Communities Today (FACT) Survey Project, the longest-running survey of congregational life in the United States; and in 2016, she authored a report on the state of young adults in American congregations.

Prior to her current role, Kristina served as an interim national staff person for Christian Education and Faith Formation, helping to transition this ministry within the UCC. She has also served as a college director of multicultural affairs, hospital chaplain, youth ministries coordinator, and local church pastor. Most recently, Kristina and a few other colleagues in the national setting completed a mission planning guide for congregations based on the UCC's popular "Be the Church" banner, which she will share more about during her workshop. Kristina and her spouse Ali live in Aurora, Colorado.

She will speak on the vitality of all sized churches in the United Church of Christ. After her presentation, there is an option for attendees to choose two of the 12 one-hour workshops being presented. Lunch is also provided. The theme is *Mission Making Members*. Come to learn how mission makes members and members make missions. From 2 pm - 3 pm, the ISC Pride will host a reception as we prepare ourselves for the installation service for Rev. Shana Johnson at 3 pm. Plan now to celebrate the gift ISC has been given by calling Rev. Shana Johnson.

Mental Health First Aid Workshops will be presented by Hoyleton Youth & Family Services and is funded in part by Illinois Department of Human Services. Mental Health First Aid USA is a training designed to give people the skills to help someone who is developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis. The course uses techniques to demonstrate how to recognize and respond to the warning signs of specific illnesses.

Here are the dates, times and locations:

January 26 & 27 from 11 am-3:15 pm at YMCA in Granite City

February 9 & 10 from 8am-12:15pm at YMCA in Maryville

February 16 from 8am-5:30pm at YMCA in Belleville



February 24 from 8am-5:30pm at SIUE in Edwardsville
March 5 from 8am-5:30pm at Regency Conference Center in O'Fallon
March 23 & 24 from 11am-3:15pm at YMCA in Granite City

Registration [Link](#). For more information contact Allison at 618-688-4776.
Continuing Education Units for LSW, LCSW, LPC, & LCPC available upon request.



Walker Leadership Institute

Leadership for the Common Good



Date: Thursday, January 25, 2018

Time: 9:00 am - noon (lunch following)

Location:

Eden Theological Seminary, Press Hall, Room 101, 475 East Lockwood Ave, Webster Groves, MO

Cost:

\$40 per person, includes lunch following the program

[Click Here to Register Now](#)

Questions? 314.918.2546 or leadership@eden.edu

You Will Learn:

- How a clearly articulated identity is important to your congregation and to draw newcomers.
- Understand what newcomers do and think before they show up on Sunday.
- How important it is for everyone in your congregation to tell the same story in their own unique way.

You Will Create:

- A unique identity.
- An "elevator speech" for all occasions which will motivate current and new membership.
- A refined brand that will set you apart from other congregations.

You Will Take Home:

- An identity that is simple and clear to communicate to everyone you encounter.
- Your unique "story" based on this identity and your context for mission and ministry.
- The ability to train others in your congregation to effectively tell your story.



DuBois Center News

The Camp and Retreat Center of the Illinois South Conference of the United Church of Christ

WANTED:



Summer Barn Coordinator

SUMMER JOBS - APPLY NOW!

Is this the year for more than just another summer job? DuBois Center is searching for fun-loving and child-focused individuals with a heart for ministry to serve on our summer staff. Amazing memories + resume



building skills = a summer to remember. Check out the Summer of Service [flyer](#) and consider whether serving outdoors with a dynamic team might be just the opportunity you have been looking

for. Open positions include cabin counselors, barn staff and coordinators. Questions? Contact Shirley at 618-787-2202 shirley.director@DuBoisCenter.org. Application packets are available [online](#).



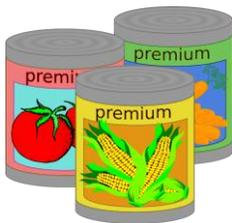
CAMP NURSES

One setting for ministry at DuBois Center is our health center. Volunteer camp nurses, most of whom are RNs, are a vital piece of our summer camp program. Many find serving at DuBois Center to be a rewarding mission opportunity, one that is quite different from their regular job. Responsibilities include reviewing camper medical forms, conducting health screenings, receiving & administering medications, providing first aid & basic medical treatment and documentation. However, when you really get down to it, nurses spend most of their time removing ticks, soothing rashes, distributing medications and providing extra TLC for homesick and nervous campers. If you are an RN, please consider serving with us for a full or partial week. The living quarters do have AC and there is often time to join us for worship, explore the woods or just sit back and read a book. For more information, contact Shirley at DuBois Center at shirley.director@DuBoisCenter.org or 618-787-2202.



JUST KEEP SWIMMING You, too, can be a LIFEGUARD!

Moderate to strong swimmer? Each summer we hire 7-8 young adults with Lifeguard certification to serve on our summer staff. If you are interested, NOW is the time to start swimming. Stay in shape this winter while preparing for a great summer job. Check out courses at your local college or university, rec center, YMCA or JCC. Hint: If your school offers a course - TAKE IT! Those classes are generally less expensive than community classes. Lifeguard certification classes also include First Aid and CPR certification, both of which are prerequisites for summer staff. Questions about lifeguard certification? Contact us at shirley.director@DuBoisCenter.org or 618-787-2202. Happy swimming!



DICE & GREEN BEANS

Join Region 2 for a night of winter blues-busting fun on **Saturday, Feb 24**. Support DuBois Center and a local food pantry! Challenge the fellowship groups within your church and your community. This year **Bunco Night** is being paired with an effort to "Fill a Food Pantry." A lively game of dice, cool Silent Auction treasures, a 50-50 drawing and help for those in need. By February, the major "food" holidays will be distant memories and pantry shelves will need restocking. Make a difference and have a lot of fun - all at the same time! Help spread the word; invite everyone you know! Check out this [flyer](#) for details.

The Challenge:

1. Bring a can or box of nutritious food to donate to a local food pantry. For each item you donate, you will receive one ticket for a special drawing - the more items that are donated, the more chances you have to win. The prize will be a fun basket of items appropriate for a variety of ages.
2. Recruit Bunco players from your local church or community group. The church/group with the most individuals who pay and play Bunco at this event will have the honor of selecting the food pantry to receive the night's collection.

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

Advocacy and Ministry: A Voice of Faith in an Evolving Society

St. Louis / March 1-3, 2018
#OneVoiceCHHSM



The Council for Health and Human Service Ministries of the United Church of Christ will hold its Annual Meeting on March 1-3, 2018 at the Marriott St. Louis Grand, 800 Washington Ave, St. Louis, MO 63101 in St. Louis, Missouri.

The theme is *Advocacy and Ministry: A Voice of Faith in an Evolving Society*.

"May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant that you live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with ONE VOICE bring glory to God." Romans 15:5-6

Highlights include:

- Opening Worship at Deaconess - Our opening worship service will also include the consecration of the Deaconess Foundation's new Center for Child Well-Being. Buses will depart from the hotel at 2pm on Thursday March 1 for that

special event. Worship is free and open to the public.

- St. Louis Celebration - Friday evening, March 2nd, we will celebrate our host city, St. Louis, and all its member organizations! This fun night will include a St. Louis themed buffet dinner and music from the Baglunch Blues Band. Admission to this dinner is included in the full registration cost and is only \$25 for guests.

- German Diakonie Visitors - We will be joined by guests from our German partner, Diakonie Rhineland, Westphalia, Lippe.

- Diakonal Minister Consecration - As always, a highlight of our Annual Gathering will be to consecrate those who are completing this year of the Nollau Leadership Institute. Worship is free and open to the public.

For more information or to register, click [here](#).

Deaconess Foundation has several copies of *Doing Business by the Good Book* by David Steward. They are available first come, first served. If you are interested in the books, contact annr@deaconess.org or 314-436-8001.



Annual Night at the Improv

Order your tickets for the whole family, and maybe a few friends, for the 2nd Annual Night at the Improv benefitting Uni-Pres Kindercottage on April 14, 2018. Tickets include dinner and the show and are just \$40 each or 8 for \$300. Send your name and address with your ticket order and check to Kindercottage, 564 Veronica, East

St. Louis, IL, 62205.

Hoyleton Youth & Family Services invites you to help in Funding the Need for our organization by attending this year's ROCK THE NEED GALA on Fri, Feb 9, 2018 at The Fountains Conference Center, 319 Fountains Parkway, Fairview Heights. Cocktail Hour begins at 5:30 pm. Dinner at 6:30 pm. You will have many opportunities to **FUND THE NEED** for many critical, life-changing measures; including emergency support for Foster Care Children and Families and immediate support for victims of human trafficking. Entertainment by: Butch Wax and the Hollywood's from 8-10 pm. Dinner is \$50 per person or \$375 per table of 8. Reservations must be made to agarrison@hoyleton.org or 618-688-4742 by 1/30/2018. **Sponsorship Opportunities Available.**



Caring compassionately for aging and disabled people since 1985

▲ **The Alzheimer's Association will offer free consultations to discuss dementia and Alzheimer's related issues on Thurs, Feb 1 from 9 am - 3:30 pm at St. John's Community Care Adult Day Program in Edwardsville.** Appointments are required. Register by Tues, Jan 30 at 314-801-0399. Walk-ins accepted only if time allows.

▲ **Trivia Night to benefit St. John's Community Care will be held on Jan 27 at Edwardsville American Legion. Doors open at 6:30 pm and trivia begins at 7:00 pm.** \$20 per person with tables of 8. 50/50. Heads or tails. Soft drinks and beer included. Cash bar available. Snacks welcome. Sponsored by ECHO (Enriching Communities by Helping Others).

▲ **Dine for a Cause at Collinsville Ravanelli's on Wed, Jan 17 from 4 pm - 9 pm.** 25% of every customer's bill that night will benefit St. John's Community Care. You must present this [coupon](#).

▲ **St. John's Community Care will offer Savvy Caregiver Training sessions several times through 2018 using a curriculum developed by the University of Minnesota.** This training provides tools to family members who are caring for an individual with dementia/memory loss who is living at home, either alone or with family. Each session will be comprised of six two-hour sessions. The series of 6 classes will be held on Thursday mornings from 10 - noon on Feb. 15 & 22 - March 1, 8, 15, 22 at Ruth's House, 7325 Marine Rd, Edwardsville, IL 62025. Each series is limited to a maximum of 12 families. There is no cost to those attending. Registration is required. Ruth's House is offering complimentary care for person with dementia with reservation. Call 618-344-5008.

125 YEARS IN MISSION



Health and hope for all St. Louis children

Job Opportunities

Coordinator, Building Maintenance

The primary responsibility of this full-time position is the maintenance and operation of Deaconess Center for Child Well-Being to keep building and grounds clean and safe. The secondary responsibility is logistical support of meeting rooms and convening spaces. Duties include regular cleaning, operation and preventative maintenance of building systems (mechanical, electrical and plumbing), set-up and transition of meeting rooms and assisting Deaconess Center Manager as needed.

To learn more about this opportunity including responsibilities, qualifications, and how to apply, visit the Deaconess Foundation [website](#).

Manager, Deaconess Center for Child Well-Being

The primary responsibility of this full-time position is relationship management and constituency support services for

the program activities of Deaconess Center for Child Well-Being to optimize its profile as the regional hub for child-friendly public policy advocacy. The secondary responsibility is managing routine operational processes for Deaconess Center. Duties include prospecting, triaging and aligning potential community convenings; supervising building maintenance and meeting logistics; coordinating hospitality; and assuring proper documentation of use to inform evaluation and compliance standards.

To learn more about this opportunity including responsibilities, qualifications, and how to apply, visit the Deaconess Foundation [website](#).

What's Happening at Illinois South Conference...

All Regions

The 37th Annual Rural Ministry Conference will be held on March 4 - 6, 2018 in Dubuque, Iowa. This ecumenical conference, sponsored by Wartburg Theological Seminary, is designed for pastors and lay leaders in rural and small town congregations. The topic for this year is "Co-operating Congregations in Mission." The keynote speaker, Pastor Marcia Kifer, is a dynamic speaker with many years of experience in a variety of ministry models and will explore a variety of newer ministry models for smaller congregations. Breakouts include worship for smaller congregations, and evangelism in rural areas. Click [here](#) for a more information or [email](#) Rev. Dr. Ann Fritschel.

Yearbook Time Is Here! It is open for input now and Closes on March 7, 2018

Although this yearly task may seem daunting, it will help your church in many ways...

- The 11-year report provided by the data can be used when reviewing budgets, calling a pastor, and planning for future missions.

- The statistical information for ministerial support (which is not tied to individuals or churches) helps National UCC to provide statistics for compensation guidelines.

- Trends about church-going and the needs to be met by our churches is part of the statistical information we can pull from the database.

So, though it may seem daunting and/or like busy-work, there is a method to the madness.

Instructions have been sent to the churches.

The database opened yesterday at noon and closes on March 7, 2018 at midnight. The ISC office can input the information if you do not want to do it online. Send information to lschuepbach@iscucc.org. Here is a [form](#) to help you gather the information you need.

Region 9

Christ UCC in Belleville will hold its 39th Annual Wurstmart on Sun, Jan 28 from 11 am - 4 pm. All you can eat! Pork sausage, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, green beans, applesauce, coffee or tea, and dessert. Adults \$11; Children ages 6 - 9 \$5; Children under 5 free! Carry outs available!