

Weekly Connection

For the Week of June 17 - June 23, 2018
Diverse Minds, Covenant Hearts, Made One in the Body of Christ



This morning I received a phone call from a young woman for whom I will be officiating at her wedding later this summer. The other day I had sent her an order of service for their wedding program. Her phone call was concerning a question she had about the wording of one particular part of the service. The word that was tripping her up was "charge" as in a "Charge to the Couple." As a probationary office, the word "charge" certainly held a different connotation for her than it did for me.

In the world of the Church, a "charge" is usually a challenge that is given to those entering into a covenant, reminding them of their duties and responsibilities of the vows or covenant promises they are making. For example, in an installation service of a pastor, often there is both a "Charge" to the pastor, as well as a "Charge" to the local church.

However, in her world, a "charge" is usually an accusation or a description of an offense of the law. She and I laughed about what a "Charge of the Couple" in her world might be. What might this bride and groom be "charged" with under the law and what might the consequences of that "charge" be. We talked given the context of her world and many of her guests, deciding that other wording for this part of the ceremony would be wise.

After I got off the phone, I thought about the insider language we use in the Church. I often call it "churchese." The interesting thing is "churchese" can vary from denomination to denomination and even from local church to local church. We use buzz words, terms that are not always accessible to all.

Yet, words matter, and, too many times, we use a word that people are not familiar with or that has a different connotation to them. Sometimes, our "churchese" words or phrases can create barriers because they create an "insider and outsider" feeling when certain words or phrases are only familiar to those in that particular church setting.

I have often thought about the Pentecost event that is described in the second chapter of Acts as a reminder that we are called to continue to strive to share the Gospel in a way that ideally all people are able to "hear" in their "own native language." This takes work. It takes awareness and conversation. It takes education and a willingness to understand the different settings, circumstances, experiences, and contexts from which people are coming.

I am grateful that this bride had the courage to say to me, "I don't understand what that phrase means" and "that word means something different to me." It was an enlightening and meaningful conversation. It reminded me of how much "churchese" I speak and how often it can be lost in translation. I pray that all of us would become more aware of the barriers our language can create. May we be committed to the continual work of the spirit, to strive to speak and share the Gospel in ways that all people can "hear" in their own "native" languages.

Blessings, Rev. Shana Johnson, Conference Minister

SHANA'S WORSHIP SCHEDULE

June 17 - Father's Day

Worshiping with family at the church her husband, Rev. Todd Bean, serves

June 24 - 20th Anniversary of the Church

Worshiping at Good Shepherd of Faith, East St. Louis to celebrate their 20th anniversary of the church

THIS IS YOUR OCWM MONIES AT WORK

If you would like our Conference Minister to participate in a worship service or special event at your church, please invite her. Please reach out to Rev. Johnson at the office at 618-654-2125 or her cell phone at 618-882-8247 with some possible dates. You can also send her an email at sjohnson@iscucc.org.

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Pray for...

Prayer list for June 17-23

Churches & Pastors

- Godfrey Evangelical UCC,
Rev. Jerald (Lori) McCaskey
- Granite City St. John UCC,
Rev. Karla (Rev. Charles
Preston) Frost

WORDS!

Words! Words! Words! Today!
What did you really want to say?
Words are to help us talk and relate.
Instead they bring conflict and debate.
Was the error grounds for divorce?
Or was the mistake a part of the course?
Did the error cause fault, failure, flop?
Or was it training enroute to the top?
When you say "HOT!" Do you mean "REALLY COOL"?
Is a jester a clown or a fool?
Is a rose still a rose if you call it a mum?
If a person can't speak, is he stupid or dumb?
Now describe your God. Is It Spirit or Source?
Father or Son? Higher Power? The Force?
Are we here on a journey to get it right?
Are there goals? Lessons? Or simply The Light?
Does our Intuition know what to do
If we listen real hard for a silent clue?
Is the church a building with steeple and glass?
Or a person? A bug? A rock? Or the grass?
Words! Words! Words! Today!
A feeble attempt to explain it away.
It's all we have to describe the pain
And share with each other for Spiritual Gain.
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Retired Pastor

- Rev. W. Curtis and Martha Lee, Newburgh, IN

People with Life Concerns

- Please pray for the family of Thelma E. Jacobsmeyer as they mourn her death. Thelma was the mother of Lynn (Rev. Allen) Reiter. Rev. and Mrs. Reiter are members of Hamel Immanuel UCC and both are active on ISC teams and committees. Currently, Lynn is a member of the ISC Personnel Committee. Rev. Reiter is a retired pastor. The complete obituary celebrating Thelma's life can be found at this [link](#). Funeral services were on Sat, June 2 at St. John UCC in Granite City. Memorial donations can be made to St. John UCC or the American Cancer Society. Cards of sympathy and support may be sent to Rev. Allen and Lynn Reiter, PO Box 278, Hamel IL 62046.

- Pray for Rev. Rosemary Captain as she deals with some health issues. Rev. Captain is the Pastor for St. John UCC in Fairview Heights. Cards may be sent to her at 22 St Joseph Dr, Lebanon, IL 62254.

- Keep Kyle Nuetzel (24) in your prayers as he continues rehabilitation in Nebraska after a serious car accident. Kyle is the son of Kathy Nuetzel, the fiancee of Rev. Patrick Poole. Rev. Poole is the pastor at Maeystown St. John UCC. Kyle and his mom live in the St. Charles area.

- Pray for Pastor Cherie (Michael) Stolze as she deals with pain from an accident. Pastor Stolze is the pastor for St. Peter's UCC Stone Church and St. Paul UCC in Okawville. Cards may be sent to her at 12023 Lake Meade Dr, St. Louis, MO 63146.

- Pray for Rich (Joyce) Gusewelle as he deals with some health issues. Rich and Joyce are members of St. Paul



Great Lakes Youth Event Registration Deadline - June 15

This is a **hard deadline**, so do not miss it if your church has youth who are interested in attending. Register [here](#).

The Amazing People of Illinois South Conference...

In 1990, an endowment from Illinois South Conference was established with Elmhurst College to provide a scholarship to Elmhurst College students who are members of a United Church of Christ in Illinois South Conference. The initial donation from Illinois South Conference was for \$7,737.00. Through the years, donations and interest have increased the principal value to \$52,699.880. Scholarships have been given every year to UCC students.

In 2018, a scholarship of \$3,402 was given to Paul Robertson, who is a senior majoring in Interdisciplinary Communication Studies.

If you know of a member of your church who is planning to attend full time to Elmhurst College, please make them aware of the scholarship possibility.



The "New" UCC National Setting

Almost 100 United Church of Christ national staff members gathered in retreat the first Monday and Tuesday in June, in an effort to get to know each other better, and to learn each other's roles and strengths. The idea, to give all the staffers,

based in Cleveland, working in Washington, D.C., and deployed around the country a chance to meet, and interact - as the denomination's organizational team restructured under a General Minister and President and two Executive Ministers.

The National Setting is seven months into a new way of functioning - living into a Bylaws change, which, after three years of processing, revision, and review, rearranges the way the leaders of this denomination govern. Read the entire [article](#).

Inviting Your Feedback The UCC Board is looking to the wider church for input on the leadership of the Rev. John Dorhauer as part of the re-nomination process for the UCC General Minister and President. [Share your feedback >>](#)



On Tuesday, August 21 from 7:30 am - 9:00 am at Eden Theological Seminary, the Langenberg Leadership Forum:

Leadership for the Common Good will present *What's Love Got to Do with It?* featuring Joe Reagan, the former CEO of the St. Louis Regional Chamber of Commerce. He will discuss how faith and business leaders can unite to grow the region. Reagan will share insights from his front-line experience leading business communities in three metropolitan areas. While community problems are exceedingly complex, community solutions begin by individual leaders shifting their mindset from fear to love, from scarcity to abundance, from fragmentation to unity. No cost to attend. A complementary light breakfast is provided. [Registration](#) is required. Call 314-918-2546 with questions. Click [here](#) for a flyer.

Hoyleton Youth & Family Services is adding a Teen Center to its campus. The Center will be used to teach appropriate social skills to the residents They are currently in need of a small freezer for ice cream and such. Also, items for their craft table, and other items that would be appropriate for the center. This addition is just being developed, so donations would be welcome. Please contact Denise Mueller with any questions at DMuell30@gmail.com, 618-973-3019(C) or 618-939-7135(H).

St. Louis-based That Uppity Theatre Company and the University of Central Oklahoma are proud to announce a series production of a new play by acclaimed playwright Eric Ulloa, "26 Pebbles". Presented in partnership with the Missouri Chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America and "Painting for Peace in Ferguson", the play combines live music, singing, and interviews from Newtown residents as they recount the ripples in their community in the wake of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting as well as how a community banded together to heal and reshape their community in the wake of what is both a local and national tragedy. Read [more](#).

Tuesday, June 19, 7:00 pm - First Congregational Church of St. Louis (UCC)
6501 Wydown Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63105

Wednesday, June 20, 7:00 pm - St. Paul United Church of Christ
3510 Giles Ave, Saint Louis, Missouri 63116

Thursday, June 21, 7:00 pm - Christ Church Maplewood UCC
2200 Bellevue Ave, Maplewood, MO 63143

Friday, June 22, 7:00 pm - Lafayette Park United Methodist Church
2300 Lafayette Ave, St. Louis, MO 63104

Saturday June 23, 2:00 pm - Daniel Boone Branch, St. Louis County Library
300 Clarkson Rd, Ellisville, MO 63011

Job Opportunities - Trinity UCC in Belleville is accepting applications for the part-time position of **Administrative Assistant**. The candidate must be proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Publisher. The candidate must have strong spelling and grammar skills, strong communication, organizational and interpersonal skills, and the ability to work independently, as well as with direct supervision. A valid driver's license is required. [Application](#), resume and at least three professional references should be sent to trinityucchr@gmail.com. A background check will be required before hire. Applications for this position will be accepted until filled.

Part-time administrative assistant (16 to 24 hours, TBD), for Deaconess Nurse Ministry to help the Executive Director in the office with agency work. Experience in an office with computer skills and desire to serve in a ministry a plus. Email dpupillo@faithnurses.org with resume.

Cemetery Associate needed for Granite City St. John UCC Cemetery. Requirements include high school diploma or GED certificate, valid driver's license, insurance, violation-free for 24 months, good physical condition, communication skills, work with outside contractors, computer skills, use of Smart Phone, more. Send resume to stjohnucccemetery@gmail.com or mail to St. John UCC, 2901 Nameoki Rd, Granite City, IL 62040. No phone calls accepted. Click [here](#) for a complete list of job duties and skill requirements.

St. John UCC in Granite City is currently seeking to fill a part time position of **Church Office Clerical Secretary**. This part-time position requires three six-hour days for a total of 18 hours per week. The pay range for this position is between \$12 and \$13 per hour. Send resume to stjohnuccc2901gc@yahoo.com or mail to St. John UCC 2901 Nameoki Rd Granite City, IL 62040. No phone calls accepted. Click [here](#) for a list of job duties and skill requirements.

UCC in Edwardsville and Joyce is a member of the ISC Conference Gatherings Team. Cards may be sent to 5238 N State Rt 157, Edwardsville, IL 62025.

- Pray for Rev. Bill (Patti) Causer as he deals with some health issues. Rev. Causer is the pastor of Hoyleton Zion Evangelical UCC. Cards may be sent to him at 11315 North Presley Ln, Mt. Vernon, IL 62864.

- Keep Bill (Helen) Whicher in your prayers as he deals with some health issues. Bill and Helen are members of Belleville St. Paul UCC and he has been very active with Illinois South Conference throughout the years. Cards may be sent to 1015 E Monroe St, Belleville, IL 62220.

A PLACE FOR COLLABORATIVE MISSION & SERVICE

Deaconess Foundation invites all church leaders to join them in service to the community's children. Established by Deaconess Foundation, Deaconess Center for Child Well-Being is a community action tank, located at 1000 North Vandeventer Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63113. Its mission is to build power to advance child well-being in the St. Louis region by strengthening alliances for child-friendly public policy, increasing citizen contact with policy makers, positioning youth and organizers to move systems, and engaging faith communities in child advocacy. The Center is home to three child-focused, non-profits and grants free space to efforts shifting systems to serve kids.



Deaconess sponsors a network of Children's Defense Fund (CDF) Freedom Schools® in partnership with St. Louis Public Schools, Webster Groves School District and UCC congregations. The partnership strengthens its child advocacy ministry and engagement with faith partners. This culturally responsive literacy program curbs summer learning loss and closes opportunity gaps, while offering activities at no charge to families and developing the next generation of Servant Leaders.

Volunteer experiences at the Deaconess Center for Child Well-Being include:

- Supporting staff with **Enrichment Activities** (Monday-Friday, 1:00-3:00pm)
- Hosting or preparing meals for weekly **Parent Engagement Meetings** (Mondays, 5:30-6:30pm)
- Assisting team members with **Dismissal/After-Care** (Monday-Friday, 3:30-5:00pm)
- Accompanying scholars on **Field Trips** (Fridays, 1:00-3:00pm)

This summer individuals and small groups are invited to volunteer for CDF Freedom Schools. **Contact Alexis Tardy at cdfreedomschools@deaconess.org or 314-436-8001.**

Extend Extravagant Welcome

Deaconess Center offers a wide variety of long-term and short-term ways to connect and get involved. Opportunities for volunteers of at least 18 years of age include:

- **Greeting child advocates** at our Welcome Desk (Monday-Friday, 8:00am - 5:00pm)
- **Providing hospitality** for meetings and special events (Episodic; Evenings and Weekends)
- **Setting up and breaking down** meetings and special events

To join the volunteer team, **contact David Nehrt-Flores at davidn@deaconess.org or 314-356-2533.**



SUMMER CAMP 2018

Summer camp at DuBois Center is in full swing. To check out the action, visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/DuBoisCenter.



WELCOME TEAM - THANKS!

We had an amazing turn-out for the Sunday Welcome Team on June 10. Fifteen volunteers greeted and welcomed campers and parents on the first summer camp check-in day of the season. A special THANKS to Casey & Kris Avise-Rouse, Debbie & Mark Beckmeyer, Norma Borgmann, Sue Davis, Aaron, Susan & Harmon Fuchs, Audrey Hicks, Shelby Jackson, Wendy Juenger, Don Kaiser and Sandy & Scott Kuether. These volunteers packed a whole lot of welcome into just three hours after church. They assisted with the camp store, paperwork review, health screenings, pontoon boat & dock duty and people-moving. The Welcome Team joined forces with seven full-week volunteers - Donna Asbridge, Nicole Avise-Rouse, Bethaney Brickeen, Rev. Todd Mushaney, Dan Schmidt, Alana Scherle,

Marcus Vaughan and the camp staff to make check-in run smoothly. Many of these volunteers hail from Illinois South Conference churches; others are "friends" of DuBois Center. UCC churches represented include Christ UCC - Dupo, St. John UCC - New Athens, St. Paul UCC - Columbia, St. Paul's UCC - Freeburg, St. Paul UCC - Waterloo, St. Peter UCC - Centralia and Zion UCC - Hoyleton. THANKS for your service. We couldn't do it without you!

JOIN the SUNDAY WELCOME TEAM

June 24, July 8, 15, 22



Contact the DuBois Center

dcinfo@duboiscenter.org or 618-787-2202

TAKE the PLUNGE

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! 2018 Summer Adventures at DuBois Center are filling quickly - some already have waiting lists! However, there are still lots of great options available, just don't wait too long. Pick up a brochure in your church office, click [here](#) to view the online version or contact DuBois Center to have one mailed to you - dcinfo@DuBoisCenter.org or 618-787-2202.



SAVE THESE DATES

Yes! We are in the midst of the first week of summer camp, but it's never too early to start planning for fall. We have a great line-up of events once the sunscreen and beach towels are packed away. Save these dates and watch for additions and details.

Sept 14-15 ISC Confirmation Retreat
Sept 24 1st Day of Nature's Classroom
October 6 Fall Festival Work Day
October 7 FALL FESTIVAL
Oct 12-14 Mother-Daughter Retreat
Oct 19-21 Southern Illinois Art Workshop
Dec 1 Thank You Christmas Party



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



The Hoyleton Youth & Family Services 2018 Golf Classic will be held on Fri, July 13 beginning at 11:30 am at the Tamarack Golf Course, 800 Tamarack Ln, Shiloh, IL. Shotgun start begins at 12:30 pm. It is a 4-person scramble with 3 flights. Prizes awarded. Longest-drive, closest-to-the-pin. Mulligans and poker run available. Entry fee: \$90/person (\$95/person after June 15) or \$360/team of 4. Lunch and dinner provided. 18 holes with cart. Skins

game. Click [here](#) to register or call 618-688-4770. Click [here](#) for a flyer to share with your congregation.

St. John's support groups provide opportunities for families and friends caring for an aging loved one to discuss their concerns and uncertainties, as well as find resources to help regain a sense of balance and hope. We also provide information about helpful coping techniques and resources to make your job as caregiver a little less stressful. The sessions allow you to listen and discuss common issues with the group, leaving you with more understanding and a sense that you are not alone. There is no charge to attend.



Family Caregiver Support Group- Collinsville - Wed, June 13, 5:30 pm - 7 pm. This support group is intended for family caregivers caring for loved ones with any type of disability. A light complimentary dinner is provided. Sessions are held the 2nd Wednesday of every month. Complimentary care for loved ones is available with a reservation. **Call 618-344-5008.**

Alzheimer's Support Group- Collinsville - Second Tuesday of each month, 1:30 pm - 3 pm. Join others dealing with dementia and memory loss. Sessions are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Complimentary care for loved ones available with reservation. **Call 618-344-5008.**

Family Caregiver Support Group - Edwardsville - Wed, June 20, from 6:30 pm - 8 pm.

This support group is intended for family caregivers caring for loved ones with any type of disability. Sessions are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month. **Call 618-656-7090.**

Savvy Caregiver Training Sessions

St. John's Community Care will offer Savvy Caregiver Training sessions several times throughout 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 Mondays from 2 pm - 4 pm on July 16, 23, 30 & August 6, 13, 20 at the Gateway Regional Medical Center - Pascal Hall (on main floor) in Granite City. For more information or to register, call 618-344-5008.

What's Happening at Illinois South Conference...

After thirty-seven years of faithful leadership, Reverend Gary Kniepkamp will retire as head pastor of St. John's UCC in Summerfield and St. Jacob UCC at the beginning of July. In celebration of his ministry, a Liturgy of Farewell will be performed during their regular worship service beginning at 10:15 am on July 8 at St. Jacob UCC. An open house will be hosted on the same day from 1:30 pm until 3 pm. All are welcome to attend and celebrate his ministry.



Opportunities for Action

When Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. launched a Poor People's Campaign 50 years ago, he did so believing that if people could join together we could form a "new and unsettling force" for justice in our nation. You are invited to be a part of the Poor People's Campaign re-ignited.



The 40 days of action will culminate with a mass rally in Washington, DC on June 23 on the National Mall at 10:00 am between 7th Street and 9th Street for words of inspiration, spirit-filled music and the chance to connect and strategize with advocates from around the country.

The UCC Washington DC office will be hosting a pre-rally gathering for UCC members attending the rally. Click [here](#) to register and get updated details.



Last September Hurricanes Maria and Irma presented Puerto Rico with its worst natural disaster on record. The deadly storms caused an estimated death toll of 4,645 persons, \$94 billion in damages to homes, businesses and infrastructure, only a fraction of which has been dealt with and/or compensated by the U.S. government.

The hurricanes disrupted water supply, crippled communications systems and littered the island with debris. Eight months later, 20,000 people are still without power.

UCC Disaster Ministries, Week of Compassion/Disciples Volunteering, and Global Ministries are collaborating closely with brothers and sisters in Puerto Rico to aid Global Ministries partners in recovery from the hurricanes and prepare for the coming hurricane season. Volunteer teams are needed now for work that may include debris removal, cleaning, tarping, sanitation, light carpentry, roofing, and repair work of homes and/or church properties.

Click [here](#) to volunteer with UCC Disaster Ministries. Click [here](#) to volunteer with Week of Compassion/Disciples Volunteering

4th Annual Rainbow Camp - Registration Open

Rainbow Camp is a day filled with activities and fun, where everyone is recognized as a child of God. Come play in the water, take aim with archery, try your hand at crafts, or just take in the outdoors from horseback or pontoon. We have activities for all ages. We will gather on Sat, Aug 18 from 9 am to 7 pm, at DuBois Center. Rainbow Camp is for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender & queer singles, couples and families. Straight allies are welcome too. If there are at least 15 people interested, we can stay Friday night as a group at Hickory Lodge. If you want to register for just the day, select Rainbow Camp. If you want to stay Friday night and attend camp the next day, select Rainbow Camp Overnight. Register now to get the early bird rates. See this [flyer](#) for more details. Click [here](#) if you're ready to register. Got questions? Contact ISC Pride at iscpride@iscucc.org.



Region 2

Conflict Transformation Skills for Churches (and parents and teens and bosses and teachers and

Region 9

The churches of Region 9 will gather together for an Ice Cream

VBS - July

July 8 - 12; 6 pm - 8 pm; Granite City St. John UCC; Game On.

workers and committee members and pastors and everybody else) will be held on Sat, June 23 from 9 am - 3:30 pm at St. Paul UCC, Waterloo. Presented by Rev. Mike Southcombe, ISC Conflict Mediation Team. Study and workshop resources from the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center. Cost includes workshop materials and lunch. \$20 per person or \$30 per couple (shared workbook). Register by calling 618-939-7123 or email linda@stpaulonline.org.

Region 3

The Evening Circle from St John Evangelical UCC in Collinsville will be having their annual Luncheon and Fashion Show on Thurs, June 21 at 11:30 am in Faith Hall. The event features a variety of homemade salads made by our ladies plus a display of summer clothes from Dillard's using our own models. The \$12-ticket may be purchased through Judy Brickey (618-345-4889) or through Amy at the office (618-344-2526). Tickets will not be sold at the door that day. Any questions may be directed to Vicki Donovan at 618-344-6809.

Region 8

Biddleborn Trinity UCC will hold its 1st Outdoor Rummage Sale on Sat, June 23 from 8 am - 2 pm at 5698 Biddleborn Rd in Marissa. It will be a multi-family sale. Lunch will be available for purchase.

Social on Sun, July 29 from 3 pm - 4:30 pm at St. John UCC in Fairview Heights. The B Street Band will be performing at 3 pm followed by the ice cream social at 3:30 in the fellowship hall of the church. A free-will offering will be taken.

On July 1, members of the St. Louis Symphony Brass will be participating as part of a patriotic worship service at O'Fallon UCC. All are invited to attend this annual celebration.

VBS - June

June 18 - 22; 6 pm - 8:30 pm (Dinner served to all members of the family at 5 pm.); Troy Friedens UCC Fellowship Hall; *Rolling River Rampage*.

June 18 - 22; 6 pm - 8:30 pm; Belleville Concordia UCC; *Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus*.

June 18 - 22; 9 am - 12 pm; Maeystown St. John UCC; *Rolling River Rampage*.

June 18 - 22; 9 am - 11:30 am; Marissa Friedens UCC; *Rolling River Rampage*.

June 24 - 28; 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm; Alhambra Salem UCC; *Rolling River Rampage*.

June 25 - 29; 8:45 am - 12 pm; Mascoutah St. John UCC (in cooperation with St. John, Holy Childhood, and St. Martin of Tours Lutheran Churches); *Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus*.

June 25 - 29; 9 am - 12 pm; Dupo Christ UCC; *Rolling River Rampage*.

July 9 - 13; 9 am - 12 pm; Collinsville St. John Evangelical UCC; *Babylon: Daniel's Courage in Captivity*.

July 9 - 13; 6 pm - 8:20 pm; Red Bud St. Peter UCC; *Rolling River Rampage*.

July 9 - 13; 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm; Combined VBS for Centralia St. Peter UCC and Central City Zion UCC at 1st United Methodist Church in Centralia; *Rolling River Rampage*.

July 15 - 19; 6 pm - 8 pm; Stone Church St. Peter's UCC & Plum Hill St. John's UCC are working together at Stone Church St. Peter's UCC; *Embracing the Fruits of the Spirit Around the World*.

July 16 - 20; 6 pm - 8:30 pm; O'Fallon UCC; *Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus*.

July 21; 9 am - 4 pm; Belleville St. Paul UCC; *Rolling River Rampage*.

July 22 - 25; 5 pm - 8:15 pm; Metropolis Zion UCC (combined with St. Paul Lutheran, St. Rose Catholic, First Christian, and Lutheran Church of the Cross); *Polar Blast*.

July 23 - 27; 9 am - 11:30 am; New Baden Zion UCC; *Rolling River Rampage*.

July 29 - August 2; 6 pm - 9 pm; Carlinville St. Paul UCC; *Rolling River Rampage*.

July 30 - August 3; 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm; New Athens St. John UCC, *Rolling River Rampage*.