

Weekly Connection

For the Week of June 24 - June 30, 2018
Diverse Minds, Covenant Hearts, Made One in the Body of Christ



The Amazing People of Illinois South Conference...

Good Shepherd of Faith in East St. Louis will celebrate the 20th anniversary of its Church Building and the burning of their mortgage this year at various events from June 29 through July 1. You are invited to attend any or all of the events.

Fri, June 29 Worship - 7:30 pm

Sat, June 30 Musical Workshop (Choir Rehearsal) - 12 pm. Their original organist, pianist, music teacher, and soloist, Marcie A. Edwards, invites all churches to be a part of the musical workshop. All church choirs or a representative from your church is asked to give a selection at their Saturday night musical.

Sat, June 30 Saturday Night Musical - 7:30 pm. Come be a part of the musical celebration.

Sun, July 1 Sunday Worship Service and Ceremony - 3:30 pm. Pastor Emeritus and Church Founder, Chaplain (Major) Chris Edwards Sr., US Army Retired, will be the speaker at the Sunday celebration at 3:30 pm. He will share his inspiration and original "Vision on Division Ave" which began 25 years ago. He will reveal the contents of the time capsule buried in the cornerstone 20 years ago.

To find out more about the celebration, contact Christopher F. Edwards at ritetimer22.ce@gmail.com or 210-269-5616.

To find out more about the music workshop/rehearsal and concert, contact Marcie Edwards, at msmarcie03@gmail.com.

Staunton St. Paul UCC has some materials for VBS program, *Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus*, remaining from its recently completed program. There are several stand-up pieces that were used for the set as well as other items. If you are interested in adding them to your program, contact St. Paul UCC in Staunton at 618-635-2386 or email Rev. Debbie Jo Atkins at revdjatkins@gmail.com.

SHANA'S WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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.



DuBois Center Fall Festival Update

While it is extremely HOT outside, we are already busy planning the various aspects of the Fall Festival. The 42nd annual autumn fund-raiser will be held on Sunday, October 7 from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. Chairpersons for the different areas have said YES to supervise, recruit volunteers, etc.

The list of leaders and contact numbers will be included in future articles, but if you know now that you are able to volunteer in a certain area (inside or outside), please contact Norma Borgmann.

Perhaps you are doing some summer housekeeping, downsizing, or just wanting to find a new home for new or "almost new" items. Consider donating your item(s) to the "Upscale Resale Shop" which will be featured

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Pray for...

**Prayer list for
June 24-30, 2018
Churches & Pastors**

- Granite City, St. Peter Evangelical UCC, Pastor Andy (Kristin) Wilson, Student Pastor

in Oak Lodge. Yes, we are seeking purses, jewelry, seasonal décor, unique collectibles, toys, outdoor things, etc. We will put price tags on the entries. Please, NO clothing or sets of china ware. Be reminded that buyers need to carry their purchases back to their vehicles. Information about pick-up arrangements will be available in later articles via Weekly Connections and posters being sent to the ISC churches in mid-July.

We will also have a Silent Auction in the fireside area of Oak Lodge. We encourage you to donate theme baskets, unique items, décor, etc. for the auction. In addition, there will be 3 drawings as three creative and hand-made quilts have been donated to DuBois Center for fund-raising purposes. We are grateful for your passion for DuBois Center and your generosity of time and talents to benefit this mission. More details and photos of the 3 quilts will be revealed soon too.

We ask that you help in promoting the Fall Festival also. If you want to volunteer or have questions or suggestions for improvement, contact Norma Borgmann at 618-533-1658 (home) or 618-292-4617 (cell or text) or nborgmann1658@charter.net. The Outdoor Ministries Team of DuBois Center

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.

- Grantfork UCC, Rev. Tim (Rev. Janet) Darmour-Paul **Retired Pastor**
- Rev. James and Lelynna Langdoc, Sun City Center, FL

People with Life Concerns

- 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 fiancée of Rev. Patrick Poole. Rev. Poole is the pastor at Maestown 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 in Addieville 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 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,



Langenberg Leadership Forum

Leadership for the Common Good

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.

Monday, June 25, 2018 is the 61st Anniversary of the United Church of Christ.

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The United Church of Christ (UCC) is a distinct and diverse community of Christians that come together as one church to join faith and action. The UCC is a church of extravagant welcome, and a church where "...they may all be one" (John 17:21).

Today, we continue to change lives throughout the world. We work alongside more than 200 mission partners. We labor ceaselessly to fight injustice, in the United States and abroad. We instill our vision into our youth and young adults, forging leaders who will imagine new dreams. And we sustain and develop church leaders, pastors, and our local churches to live their faith in exciting new ways. We believe in a God that is still speaking, a God that is all-loving and inclusive. We are a church that welcomes and accepts everyone and where your mind is nourished as much as your soul.

We are a church where Jesus, the healer, meets Jesus, the revolutionary. Happy Anniversary, UCC.

DuBois Center News

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



THANKS for the Memories ... and all the digital cameras you donated! A couple months ago we asked for donations of small, point and shoot cameras - the ones that were pushed to the back of the closet when you upgraded your phone. Your trash; our treasure - these gifts are now being used by our camp "family groups." Each has a camera and is encouraged to take pictures of their adventures throughout the week. They captured everything from cook-outs to barn chores, new friends to creek walks. Here are some of our favorites from week #1. Camera donations are still being accepted. For more information contact DuBois Center at dcinfo@DuBoisCenter.org or 618-787-2202.



SUMMER ADVENTURES in JULY

July is a great month to experience a summer adventure at DuBois Center! Many sessions are full, but it's not too late. There are openings in each of the following sessions in July. Recruit a friend new to DuBois Center and SAVE! Check out great pics from the first week of camp at DuBois' Facebook [page](#). Click [here](#) to register online or contact DuBois Center at dcinfo@DuBoisCenter.org or 618-787-2202 to receive a brochure.

- July 8-10** Discovery Camp (completed grades 1-3)
- July 8-13** Mad Science (completed grades 4-7)
- Move It! Move It! (completed grades 4-7)
- Horsin' Around (completed grades 5-7)
- Trekkin' It (complete grades 5-8)
- July 11-13** Boy Meets Camp (completed grades 1-3)
- July 15-20** Settler (completed grades 3-5)
- Base Camp (completed grades 5-8)
- Horsin' Around (completed grades 5-7)
- Outlander (completed grades 6-9)
- Saddle 'Em Up (completed grades 7-9)
- July 22-25** Girl Power (completed grades 1-3)
- Pony Express (completed grades 4-5)
- Splash! (completed grades 5-7)

JOIN the SUNDAY WELCOME TEAM

June 24, July 8, 15, 22



Contact the DuBois Center
dcinfo@duboiscenter.org or 618-787-2202

On these Sundays, we welcome scores of UCC campers. They arrive eager and excited for their time at camp... and maybe just a little nervous. Twelve volunteers, plus summer staff, are needed for each of these Sundays to ensure the check-in process runs smoothly! Volunteers assist with greetings, parking, the camp store, registration, health screenings, dock duty and people-moving. They arrive by 1:15 pm and are done by 4 pm. Please consider joining our Sunday Welcome Team on one or more check-in days. You are invited to wear a church t-shirt and show your spirit. Even consider bringing a team from your church! Let us know in advance when you can help; contact the DuBois Center office at dcinfo@duboiscenter.org or 618-787-2202.

SAVE THE DATE Mother & Daughter Retreat October 12-14

Just 120 days and counting to the annual **Mother & Daughter Retreat** at DuBois Center. Summer is heating up, so what better time to dream



about sweater weather and the important girls and women in your life?! Enjoy a playful, faith-based weekend together, one packed with engaging activities, inspiring God times, meals without cooking and wonderful fellowship. All ages are welcome, but most activities are geared for girls and women age six and older. **SAVE THE DATE!** Registration opens July 10. Space is limited to 50.

PRAYER

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PRAYER REQUEST

Summer camp at DuBois Center is in full swing! Throughout June and July scores of enthusiastic campers, hopeful volunteers and dedicated staff members will journey together and embrace God's creation. They will dig into scripture, build amazing relationships and have loads of fun! Please keep these individuals and God's ministry through DuBois Center in your thoughts and prayers each day. Thank you!

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.



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 - 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.**



What's Happening at Illinois South Conference...

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](#).

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

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).

Region 2

Conflict Transformation Skills for Churches (and parents and teens and bosses and teachers and 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 have 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 plus a display of summer

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.

Region 9

The churches of Region 9 will gather together for an Ice Cream Social on Sun, July 29 from 3 pm - 4:30 pm at St. John UCC in Fairview Heights. The B Street Band will perform 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 - July

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

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.*

clothes from Dillards using their 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.

VBS - June

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; Dupon Christ 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*.

Region 5

St. John's UCC in Summerfield and St. Jacob UCC will celebrate the 37-year ministry of Rev. Gary Kniepkamp at 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.