

# Weekly Connection

For the Week of August 5 - August 11, 2018  
Diverse Minds, Covenant Hearts, Made One in the Body of Christ



## A Living, Growing Faith

Years ago, a member of the congregation I was serving gave me a beautiful plant on the anniversary of his wife's death. His wife was a master gardener and was well known for her ability to grow and care for rare orchids. Therefore, it seemed fitting and touching when he came to my office that day with an orchid in hand for me. He said he wanted to thank me for all the time that I had spent with his wife while she was sick at home and for the comfort that I had provided her family and friends when she died.

I shared with him that I greatly admired the orchids she kept in her home. I knew that every time I looked at that orchid, I would be reminded of her. Yet, I was nervous about receiving this plant. I was afraid that I would not be able to take care of it in the way that I knew was needed. Yet, he assured me that I would have no problem.

What he did not tell me was how much attention it would receive when people came into my office. Gardeners and plant people often commented on it and asked me questions about the specifics of the orchid and its care.

*When someone asked me what kind of orchid it was...* I was tempted to say that of the 1,000 different species of the Dendrobium Phalaenopsis orchid, which mine appeared to be, I knew exactly the type and proper name of my orchid.

*When someone asked if the reason I decided to keep the orchid on the shelf on my desk instead of a windowsill because I knew how important it was to keep the plant cool...* I was tempted to say that I knew my orchid needed to be in a spot that was 75 to 80 degrees in the day and 50 to 55 degrees in the evening. Thus, I always made sure the temperature in my office was always suitable for the flower's health and well being.

*When someone asked how I watered my orchid because they knew it was important to keep the soil moist, but not soggy...* I was tempted to share with them tips on the best way to properly water an orchid, such as placing a few ice cubes on the outer edges of the pot once a week. By letting the ice cubes melt into the soil, the water would spread evenly and slowly.

*Finally, when someone would comment they had heard how difficult it was to take care of orchids and were impressed at how I was able to have such a perfect flower...* I was tempted to say that I did know how difficult it was to take care of it and I had dedicated a good deal of time and effort in doing so.

However, I could not say those things. If I had, not only would I be lying, but I would have been a fraud. You see, what I realized after the orchid had been in my office for two weeks and I had forgotten to water it was that it was actually an artificial plant.

It was not real.

It was not a living plant.

It did not produce new blooms, new growth, or new oxygen to the atmosphere.

Its only value was it was pretty and decorative.

When I think of that artificial orchid, I think of the writer of the book of James who essentially says that if we in the Church are not producing new blooms, new growth, and oxygen for others, then we do not have a faith that is real and alive.

Consider the words of James 2: 14-17

*"What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do*

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## Pray for...

**Prayer list for  
Aug 5 - Aug 11, 2018  
Churches & Pastors**

- Lebanon St. Paul UCC, Rev.  
Dr. Don (Nancy) Wagner  
- Lenzburg St. Peter's UCC,  
Rev. Bob Coffey

*not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead."*

If our faith is only something that we sing about, preach about, pray about and speak about it...then it is only artificial. It might be decorative, pleasing, and pretty to us, but it is not life-giving to others.

My prayer for the Church is that our faith is a living, growing faith that gives life, breath, and grace to those who need it most.

Blessings, Rev. Shana Johnson, Conference Minister

#### SHANA'S UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

##### August 5

Participating in worship at St. John UCC Granite City to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> ordination anniversary of Rev. Charles Preston

##### August 5

Participating in an afternoon worship service at Zion UCC, New Baden on the anniversary of Rev. Gretchen Sterrett's death

##### August 12

Participating in worship at St. Paul UCC, Columbia in the farewell service for Rev. Kris Avise-Rouse

##### August 12

Participating in the ordination service of Andrew Wilson in the Missouri Mid South Conference

##### August 19

In Colorado, officiating at the wedding of Meghan Moore, daughter of Rev. Sue Artt, Conference Minister of the Rocky Mountain Conference (formerly of Illinois South Conference)

##### August 26

Preaching at the Installation Service of Rev. Chad Abbott, Conference Minister of the Indiana-Kentucky Conference

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](mailto:sjohnson@iscucc.org).

**This is your OCWM monies at work.**

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

Recently, St. John's UCC in Wood River and Zion UCC in Marion voted to become Open and Affirming congregations. These are the seventh and eighth congregations in the Illinois South Conference to become ONA. Congratulations St. John and Zion!



An Open and Affirming covenant is a public statement of a congregation's intentional welcome to people who had been traditionally marginalized by some portions of the Church.

The ONA movement started with an inclusive invitation to the LGBTQ community, and over the years has expanded to include many others who have been seen as "other" in the Christian community, like people of color, refugees, the homeless and people with different mental or physical abilities.

If your church is interested in starting the Open and Affirming process, please contact the Conference Office to get more information and get connected with an ONA trainer.

#### Retired Pastor

- Rev. Louis Fluck, Marion, IL

#### People with Life Concerns

- Pray for Rev. Gary (Joyce) Kniepkamp as he recuperates from an accident. Rev. Kniepkamp recently retired from being the Pastor for St. Jacob UCC and Summerfield St. John's UCC. Cards may be sent to him at 1431 Summerfield Rd, St. Jacob, IL 62281.

- Keep Rev. Paul and Marilyn Thompson in your prayers as each of them deals with health issues. Rev. Thompson is retired, but serves on the ISC Recruitment Committee. Cards may be sent to them at 910 Circle Drive, Red Bud, IL 62278.

- 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 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 in Addieville and St. Paul UCC in Okawville. Cards may be sent to her at 12023 Lake Meade Dr, St. Louis, MO 63146.



**The United Church of Christ Disabilities Ministries, in collaboration with the New York Conference, invites you to attend the 2018 "Widening the Welcome Conference: Living, Learning, Leading" on November 1 - 3, 2018 at the Sheraton Niagara Falls and the Niagara Falls Convention Center in Niagara Falls, New York.** The Widening the Welcome Conference is built around the UCC's vision for disability inclusion throughout the UCC. Workshops offer information about Accessibility & Inclusion (A2A), Advocacy, Christian Education and more. There will also be a panel to bring awareness and insight on living with a disability, and living into the fullness of service to an accessible, inclusive and loving God. Invited speakers include keynote speaker, UCC General Minister and President, Rev. Dr. John C. Dorhauer; Executive Minister for Justice

and Local Church Ministries, Rev. Traci Blackmon; Minister for Disabilities and Mental Health Justice, Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund; and Still Speaking Devotional Writer, Rev. Jennifer Brownell. Click [here](#) for online registration and [here](#) for hotel rates/reservations.

There will also be an opportunity to register for a Mental Health First Aid class on November 1. This class, organized with the help of UCC Mental Health Network, offers continuing education credit upon completion.

#### Registration Fees:

Full event (Nov 1-3) \$200 prior to Oct 1; \$225 after Oct 1

Friday only, including banquet (Nov 2) \$125 prior to Oct 1; \$150 after Oct 1

Mental Health First Aid \$50 includes required workbook, breakfast and lunch



The UCC for Mental Health presents WISE (Welcoming-Inclusive-Supportive-Engaged) Conference for Mental Health: *The Power of Personal Story and Breaking the Silence on Mental Illness* on Sat, September 29 at South Congregational Church, UCC, 41 Central Street, Andover, Massachusetts 01810, with Keynote Speaker, Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund, Minister for Disabilities and Mental Health Justice.



Sarah is passionate about loving God, her family, and being part of faith communities. Her personal mission is to partner with others to share God's healing and hope. She is an ordained minister with standing in the United

Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and has served as pastor to churches in Brooklyn, New York, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and New Smyrna Beach, Florida.

She is the author of the widely regarded book "Blessed are the Crazy: Breaking the Silence About Mental Illness, Family and Church" (Chalice Press, 2014) and blogs at [sarahgriffithlund.com](http://sarahgriffithlund.com). Sarah has recently joined the UCC National Staff in a part-time position on the Wholeness Advocacy Team of Justice and Local Church Ministries, serving as the newly created Minister for Disabilities and Mental Health Justice.

#### This one-day conference offers:

- Ways congregations can address mental health concerns
- Stories from persons affected by mental health issues
- Practical steps to engage in a mental health ministry
- Introduction to the WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, Engaged) Covenant
- Network with those who are on the journey to address mental health challenges
- On-going support

Cost: \$45/person. Churches with 3 or more registrants: \$40/person. Onsite Registration: \$55/person. Click [here](#) for more information. Click [here](#) to register.

#### The Caribbean Initiative

Over the past year of the Global Ministries Caribbean Initiative, there have been several opportunities for advocacy work. A key part of any advocacy work is education about the issue. There is no better way to educate yourself on a current situation than through the experiences of Global Ministries partners. There have been five webinars focusing on four different countries/areas. You can click [here](#) to watch the recordings; the transcript in English and Spanish of the Venezuela webinar is available [here](#).



#### Planning 2019 Church Budgets?

##### 2019 UCC Medical and Dental Benefits Plan Premium Rates and Plan Enhancements

The Pension Board is pleased to announce the following premium rates and plan enhancements for the 2019 plan year, effective January 1, 2019:

- Non-Medicare Health Plan: 2% increase
- Medicare Supplement Plan: 2% increase
- Dental Plan: 4% increase
- Vision Plan: no change
- Life Insurance and Disability Income Plan: no change

The following benefit enhancements are also approved as of January 1, 2019:

##### Dental Plan

- The Annual Benefit Maximum per person is increased from \$1,800 to \$2,000.
- Annual Preventive Services (e.g., cleanings and examinations) will not reduce the Annual Benefit Maximum.

##### Vision Plan

- The Annual Allowance for frames and contact lenses is increased from \$140 to \$150.

As is our customary practice, churches/employers and individual plan participants will receive detailed information by mail later this Summer regarding applicable rates for 2019.

Contact Frank Loiacono with any questions at [foiacono@pbucc.org](mailto:foiacono@pbucc.org) or by phone at 212-729-2806.

**New this Fall, Eden Theological Seminary is offering a UCC History & Polity class as a distance education course.** The professor will use a "virtual" classroom and allow for students to ZOOM in for class sessions. Below are more details. Contact Eden Admissions for more information at 877-627-5652 or [email](#).

**M308 Title:** UCC History & Polity

**Professor:** Dr. Jill Baker

**Fall Term Dates:** August 27 - December 10

**Class Meeting:** Thursdays; 2:00pm - 5:00pm

**Course description:** The course will explore the history and polity of the United Church of Christ, seeking to provide an understanding of the organization, ministries and mission commitments of the UCC in the past, and looking for clues on how the denomination's theological trajectories may continue to develop in the future. **Note:** This is a synchronous course. Students must be present virtually during class times.

The 3-credit hour class costs \$585/credit hour for a total of \$1,755 or it can be audited for \$877.50.



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#### Whom Shall I Send?

In the U.S. Virgin Islands, just out of tourists' sight, there are thousands of damaged or destroyed homes, many untouched since the hurricanes. UCC Disaster Ministries is recruiting volunteer teams to do debris removal, cleaning and construction in St. Thomas. Find out [more](#).



DuBois Center News

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

**FALL** Sunday Oct 7  
from 11-5  
**FESTIVAL**  
DuBois Center

**Help is needed in Oak Lodge Cafe for DuBois' Fall Festival on October 7.** St. Paul UCC in Waterloo covers the 9:00 am to 1:00 pm shift, but we need another church to cover 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm with 5-6 members to serve and clean up. Please contact Audrey Hicks at 618-939-8673 or [audhicks@hotmail.com](mailto:audhicks@hotmail.com) if you can take on this most important mission.



### HOT DOG it's been a Great Summer!

You'd be hard-pressed to name a more quintessential "summer camp" activity than cooking hot dogs (or pie irons or foil stew) over a campfire. Though it might not seem like much more than fixing dinner, each cookout is an almost sacred time. Through the smoke and sizzle, conversations often turn to faith and where we've seen God throughout the

week. Cooking around the fire in community is a distillation of the unplugged relationship-building that forms the core of DuBois Center's ministry. As we pack up another summer full of friendships, we take scores of warm campfire memories with us into the colder months ahead.



### JOB OPPORTUNITY: Nature's Classroom Instructor

Are you a substitute teacher, active retiree or someone with a flexible schedule? Do you enjoy the outdoors and have experience working with youth or as a teacher? Nature's Classroom Instructors are needed from Sept

17 through October to work with school groups (grades 5-8) that stay overnight at DuBois Center and to provide a fun and supportive environment while teaching about predator-prey

interactions, night life in the woods, cultural differences, erosion, teamwork and other engaging topics. Our

instructors teach classes, and lead campfires and other evening

activities. Parent chaperones supervise free time, dining tables and cabin times. Training is provided, as are meals and overnight accommodations during Nature's Classroom sessions. Click [here](#) for a program brochure or position [description](#). Contact DuBois Center at [email](#) or 618-787-2202.



### HELP PROMOTE DuBois Center Online

An easy way to help spread the word about DuBois Center is to put links to our website and Facebook page on your church's website.

The links are easy to remember. They are [www.DuBoisCenter.org](http://www.DuBoisCenter.org) and [www.FaceBook.com/DuBoisCenter](http://www.FaceBook.com/DuBoisCenter). If you are Facebook savvy, another easy way to spread the word is to share our posts. This helps to ensure your church members and friends know what is happening at DuBois Center. You can also encourage your members to like and follow our Facebook page, as well as doing so personally and from your church's Facebook page. You are invited to use our logo on your church web site. Just right click on it to save for use elsewhere.

### SAVE THESE DATES

Summer camp is winding down and planning for fall is in full swing. 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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



### CHAPLAINS - THANK YOU!

Our last group of ISC summer campers departed last Wednesday with memories that will last a lifetime. There are so many individuals who make summer adventures at DuBois Center possible. Among these are the chaplains. They help pass the light and love of God from one generation to the next. They help make the curriculum 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 and/or former staff members

who want to stay involved and give back. A special thanks to our 2018 summer camp chaplains: Nicole Avise-Rouse - St. Paul UCC, Columbia; Craig and Rev. Katie Jo Bielke - St. John Evangelical UCC, Collinsville; Joan Daab - St. Paul UCC, Columbia; Rev. Christy Eckert - St. John UCC, Trenton; Audrey Hicks - St. Paul UCC, Waterloo; Rev. John Holst - Zion UCC, Marion; David Jackson - St. Paul UCC, Columbia; Rev. R.J. Morgan - Zoar UCC, New Hanover;

Rev. Todd Mushaney - Christ UCC, Dupo; Alaina Scherle - St. Paul UCC, Waterloo. Thanks, also, to the churches that supported their time at camp and sharing their gifts with ISC church family.



**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



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.

### St. John's Community Care Upcoming Events

**Savvy Caregiver Training** sessions provide 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 3 remaining classes will be held on Mondays from 2 pm - 4 pm on 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. Download [poster](#).

**The Cardinals Reminiscence League** sponsored by St. John's Community Care and the Alzheimer's Association is open to people with memory loss who would like to share memories about the Cardinals baseball team. New fans and those who would like to socialize and learn more are welcome. Session dates: Aug 16, Sept 20, Oct 18 from 10:30 am - 12 pm each day. All sessions are free. Download [poster](#).

**The Dementia Friendly Madison County Program** is a one-time informal session that lasts an hour. Is your organization or business prepared to serve their neighbors and community as the number of people impacted or diagnosed with dementia increases? For more information about bringing this program to your office or organization, contact Gail Shaw at St. John's Community Care at 618-344-5008. Download [poster](#).



**PATHWAYS Theological Education, Inc., announces a new certificate program of Foundational Theology.** This eight-course certificate will provide participants with an overview of progressive Christian theology, including courses in spirituality, faith-diversity, cultural pluralism and religion, and Christian history. All courses are conducted asynchronously online so that participants sign into the course room and participate in discussions based on their own schedule.

The certificate program is designed for members of local churches who are interested in learning more than is available in their church, those who serve in leadership roles, or anyone interested in more focused study in contemporary theology. Because courses are online, participants can sign in from anywhere in the world with high-speed internet access. Tuition is \$295 for each six-week course. For more information, click [here](#). Contact Rev. Valerie Coe Lowder at 770-569-3384 or [info@pathwaystheological.org](mailto:info@pathwaystheological.org)

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

St. Paul Waterloo's former member Erik Elsea is canoeing the Mississippi in support of ShelterBoxUSA, a well-known, 4-star-rated NGO, supported by the International Rotary Foundation and others. ShelterBox provides emergency shelter to people in areas devastated by natural disasters and wars. They work in cooperation with many other NGO aide organizations including Church World Service, ACT and others with whom our Global Ministries and One Great Hour of Sharing staff regularly coordinate efforts. In addition to Erik's canoeing the Mississippi over the next 3 months, he is attempting to win a grant for ShelterBoxUSA with his Mississippi Expedition. Before Erik presents the Mission Moment to St. Paul on August 26, however, ISC can help in non-monetary ways: pray for Erik's safe canoe voyage down the Mississippi, follow his progress at [mississippiexpedition.com](http://mississippiexpedition.com) and vote for his winning the Eagle Rare Life Award with its \$50,000 prize to ShelterBoxUSA. Go to [VoteForErik.com](http://VoteForErik.com) and vote once every 24 hours. No personal information is required; just click.



Join St. John UCC in Trenton for the  
**Installation**  
of  
**Rev. Christy Eckert**  
September 9, 2018  
3 pm  
**St. John United Church of Christ**  
21 N Walnut St., Trenton, Illinois.

Offering will go to Our Church's Wider Mission.

Reception with light refreshments to follow.

No gifts, please.

Pastors who wish to participate are asked to robe with a red stole and arrive at 2:30 pm.

**First Congregational UCC in Dupo has two sets of hymnals to give away:** approximately 75 of "Hymns of the Christian Life," manufactured by Christian Publications in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania (1978) and approximately 75 of "The Hymnal of the United Church of Christ," manufactured by the United Church Press in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (1974). Contact Gary Edwards at 618-806-1337 or [garyedwards3477@gmail.com](mailto:garyedwards3477@gmail.com).



### **Celebration of 25 Years of Service**

Rev. Charles Preston was ordained on January 10, 1993 in Fulton, New York. Soon after he began serving Zoar United Church of Christ here in Illinois South Conference, followed by calls to churches in the Maine and Ohio Conferences before retiring. A celebration of his 25 years of ordination will be held on Sunday, August 5, at St. John United Church of Christ in Granite City, where his wife, Rev. Karla Frost, now serves. Everyone is invited for worship at 9:30 a.m. followed by a potluck barbecue picnic with meat provided. Rev. Shana Johnson will be participating, and communion will be celebrated.

## COME CELEBRATE WITH US!

St Louis Association & Parkway UCC proudly announce the  
Service of Ordination for

**Andrew Wilson**

Sunday, August 12, 2018

3:00 pm

Parkway UCC, 2841 N Ballas Rd, St. Louis, MO 63131

*Clergy who wish to participate in the opening processional are invited to wear their robes/vestments.*

**Reception to follow the Service of Ordination.**

*Andrew has been serving St. Peter's Evangelical UCC in Granite City as their student pastor since February 2017. He has accepted a call at St. John's UCC in Smithton, Illinois beginning in September.*





**Christ UCC in Belleville will worship with Steve Ladd on Sun, Aug 19 at 10 am and breakfast with him at 9:30 am.** As early as five years old, Steve felt the call of God to minister through song. He has been a part of award-winning Christian music ensembles like Gold City and The Anchormen. Performing inspirational songs like "Preach the Word" has become a personal anthem of encouragement Ladd takes wherever he goes. All are invited to have breakfast and worship with him that day.

**Piano for Sale:** This piano is a Kohler and Campbell. It is in very good condition, but will need to be tuned after being moved. Roberta is asking \$200 for it, but she is happy to negotiate and take church situations into consideration.



Roberta's Phone number 618-580-0928. The piano is in Godfrey, Illinois.

### Region 2

**Zoar UCC New Hanover will hold its Annual BBQ on Sat, Aug 4 from 4 pm - 7 pm at 9103 D Road in Columbia.** Music will be by George Portz and his Friends of Bluegrass. Menu includes pork steak plate (\$12) or brat plate (\$10) with cole slaw, potato salad, or baked beans, or pork steak sandwich (\$6) and brat sandwich (\$5). Country Store with homemade items. A pie auction. Basket prizes available at Silent Auction. All are welcome.

### Region 3

**The members of St. Peter Evangelical UCC in Granite City will raffle a hand-made quilt.** Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00. To purchase tickets, call Carolyn Anders at 618-877-1904. She will get the tickets to you. Proceeds will help support the church.

### Region 9

**Belleville St. Paul UCC presents its Summer Youth Musical, ANNIE, Jr. on Aug 10 at 7 pm; Aug 11 at 7 pm; and Aug 12 at 2 pm.** Admission is free, but a goodwill donation will be taken. Everyone is welcome... come to one, two or all three shows. The kids are amazing. For more information, see [stpaulucc.org](http://stpaulucc.org).

### Region 9

**Trinity UCC at 47 N Douglas Ave, Belleville will be holding a book sale on Saturday, August 18 from 8 am to 3 pm in the church's Social Hall.** We have all kinds of books, so come join us. We'd love to see you!