

Weekly Connection

For the Week of March 17, 2019 - March 23, 2019
Diverse Minds, Covenant Hearts, Made One in the Body of Christ



The Amazing People of Illinois South Conference...

Zoar UCC in New Hanover broke ground on Sun, March 10 to build a Christian Education Building for their church. Zoar UCC is celebrating their 175th Anniversary this year with several other events. All ages participated in the groundbreaking ceremony. Below left photo shows Rev. R. J. Morgan (third from left), sons Jakob and Samuel (left and right respectively) and wife, Lisa (2nd from left). Rev. Morgan is the pastor of Zoar UCC in New Hanover.

The photo below center shows four generations of the Ries family who have attended Zoar UCC throughout the years. Below right photo shows the youngest generation participating as future members of the church.



Zoar UCC in New Hanover recently held its 12th Annual Trivia Night sponsored by the church Fellowship. Its purpose was to raise funds to help children attend camp at DuBois Center and other missions of Zoar UCC. The 50s themed event raised \$1,700. Everyone enjoyed a spaghetti dinner and a night of trivia play. Next year they are looking forward to celebrating in this new Christian Education Building.



At the February meeting of the Okawville St. Peter's UCC Women's Guild, Constance Lockett presented a program on Hagar House and the clients served there. Hoyleton Youth & Family Services remodeled an 8-bedroom wing at the Caritas facility in Belleville for their Pregnant and Parenting Teen Transitional Living Program. Constance presented them with an event to give a baby shower for Morgan, whose baby is due on March 17. That shower was held March 10 at St. Peter's Fellowship Hall. A noon luncheon was served to Morgan and some of her friends and staff from the Hager House and more than 25 St. Peter's UCC ladies. The photo shows Morgan and her friend, who is due in June, surrounded by all those presents for her baby girl



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Pray for...

Prayer list for March 17 - 23, 2019 Churches & Pastors

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

Loyalty. Morgan was very excited and appreciative of all the gifts, luncheon, decorations and women who came to support her and her daughter.

Hagar House serves expecting and parenting adolescent mothers who are under the guardianship of the Department of Children and Family Services and are between the ages of 17 and 20 years. The program's goal is to provide housing to young mothers allowing them to live with and nurture their children, while developing the knowledge and parenting skills to enable her to live independently. The program focuses on learning parenting and child care knowledge, helping complete their education, learning job skills to attain employment, gaining life skills such as money management and home care, developing positive interpersonal relationships and connect/reconnect with family supports. If you want to help residents at the Hagar House or any other Hoyleton Youth & Family Services program, please call 618-688-4727.



Virginia Ilch was honored with the title of Woman of Distinction. She is a member of the Godfrey Evangelical UCC, a Member at Large for the ISC Conference Council, and has served on several ISC Teams over the years. Congratulations to her! The following is an excerpt from *The Alton Telegraph*:

ALTON - The YWCA of Alton Women of Distinction 2019 Event Co-Chairs Erica Bratton and Barbara Morrissey McGrew Friday afternoon announced this year's Women of Distinction honorees.

They are Dana Adams, Kimberly Baalman-Eberlin, Plesetta Clayton, Yolanda Cochrell, Amy Golley, Virginia Ilch, Page Selby, Candice Wallace,

Sarah Woodman and Megan Williams. "These women have been important to our community and we are proud to recognize them for their volunteerism, leadership and community service as it relates to the YWCA mission of eliminating racism and empowerment of women," Dorothy Hummel, executive director, YWCA of Alton, said in a press release. "This year's honorees were selected based on their actions that create equity for everyone and for their strong involvement with women and girl's issues. Our honorees give tirelessly to their community and serve willingly as role models."

The Women of Distinction recognition ceremony will be held Thursday, May 2, at the Commons at Lewis and Clark Community College. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., with the event starting at 6 pm.

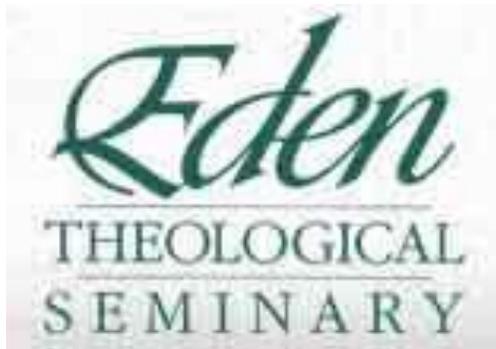
Tickets are \$60 per person, \$480 per table of eight or \$600 for a table of 10. Reservations can be made online at www.altonywca.com, or at YWCA of Alton, 304 E 3rd St. or by calling 618-465-7774. Read the entire [article](#).

Spring Convocation

Eden Theological Seminary's Spring Convocation will be held in the Wehrle Chapel on the Eden Campus on April 23-24, 2019. This year's conversation will be Church Buildings: Blessings and Burdens.

So many beautiful buildings, with so many memories, so important to the congregations that use them, are also increasingly a financial burden, larger than needed, a challenge to the future of the congregations that love them. This two-day event will explore the blessings of congregational buildings and the burdens congregations face because of them. While there are no easy answers to the challenges buildings pose for many congregations, there are ways to begin exploring what can and should be done.

Speakers are Rev. Dr. David Greenhaw, President of Eden Theological



Retired Pastor

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

People with Life Concerns

- Please pray for the family of Pastor Don Propeck as they mourn his death last week. He was the Pastor for St Paul UCC, Jamestown. We ask that you keep his wife, Lois, their children, their families, and their church family in your prayers. Visitation and funeral service were held on Sun, March 10. Cards may be sent to his family at 2163 East 1150th Ave, Loogootee, IL 62838.

- Pray for Rev. Debbie Jo Atkins as she recuperates from surgery. Rev. Atkins is the Pastor at St. Paul UCC in Staunton. Cards may be sent to 339 North Franklin St, Staunton, IL 62088.

- Keep Viv (Rev. Ivan) Horn in your prayers as she recuperates from surgery. Viv is the wife of Rev. Horn, who serves as pastor for Hecker Friedens and is the ISC Secretary. Cards may be sent to Viv at 727 Gall Rd, Waterloo IL 62298.

- Please pray for Pastor Nancy (Scott) Shubert as she deals with some health issues. Pastor Shubert serves Holy Ghost UCC in Darmstadt and Trinity UCC in Biddleborn. Cards may be sent to 12691 State Route 177, Okawville, IL 62271.

- Keep Kyle Nuetzel (24) in your prayers as he continues rehabilitation at home. Kyle is the son of Kathy & Rev. Patrick Poole.

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

Seminary; Rev. Dr. Patrick G. Duggan, Executive Director of the United Church of Christ Church Building & Loan Fund in Cleveland; and Dr. Robert Simon, Co-author of *Retired, Rehabbed, Reborn; The Adaptive Reuse of America's Derelict Religious Buildings and Schools*. Cost is \$85 which includes lunch both days. This event is open to anyone interested in the topic of what to do with our church buildings when a need for transition has been identified. To register, click [here](#).



Protecting Your Vacant Church Property

Reprinted from *Protecting Your Vacant Church Property* from *The Insurance Board*

Common Concerns with Vacant Property

Due to the difficult economic conditions, dwindling attendance and demographic changes, vacant church buildings are becoming more common. The assumption that a vacant property doesn't need any attention is wrong. In many ways, vacant property is MORE susceptible to property damage, criminal activity and insurance claims. There are several dangers associated with vacant buildings. It is important to understand these dangers and take immediate steps to prevent them.

Fire - A fire can completely burn a vacant building to the ground and cause severe damage to adjacent buildings. Vacant facilities are attractive arson targets and the damage caused to the building and its surrounding area can be immense. Make sure your building has proper fire detection and prevention equipment to prevent a catastrophic loss.

Theft - One of the major exposures facing vacant property is theft. Thieves know no one is inside, so they select vacant property since there is a lower likelihood of being caught. Even if the building is completely empty of all contents, thieves may still attempt to steal copper piping or other valuable building components. Make sure there is nothing valuable for thieves to take in case they do strike your vacant property.

Vandalism - Another major concern for vacant building owners is vandalism. People will break into vacant buildings for several reasons, and, if given enough time, can cause significant damage. Vandals find vacant buildings to be easy targets. The level of damage can range from something relatively minor like broken light bulbs to extreme amounts of graffiti.

Trespassing or Squatting - A major vacant property concern is trespassing or squatting. Homeless people looking for easy shelter may seek out vacant properties. In the process, they can cause damage to the building and may reside there for an extended period of time. The longer a squatter stays in a vacant property, the higher the probability that large levels of trash and waste will be left behind. Also, on a cold winter night, a squatter may start a fire for warmth that could spread to the rest of the building. Homeless people are not the only trespassing threat for vacant property. People often break into vacant properties to engage in more nefarious, illicit activity.

Click [here](#) to see the entire booklet.

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS Hurricanes Irma and Maria

When Hurricanes Irma and Maria hit in close succession (September 2017), they directly affected more than one-third of the U.S. Virgin Islands' roughly 100,000 residents. More than 37,700 requested rebuilding assistance from FEMA. UCC Disaster Ministries responded immediately with water filters, then joined with the disaster ministries of the Church of the Brethren and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to support organization of the St. Thomas Long-Term Recovery Group (LTRG). Together they:

- accessed federal funding to hire 12 disaster case managers for 10 months and then 6 for an additional 12 months. They screened 1,200 initial cases, about 450 of which qualified for the LTRG's assistance. Active cases totaled 179 at year's end. In 2018, five rebuilds were completed.
- rented an office and furniture for the LTRG for a year, purchased a vehicle for assessment and case management work, and provided tools and construction materials.
- deployed UCC Partners in Service Disaster Volunteers Marks Beitins, Marcy Magness and Marilyn Lloyd, who assisted with donations management, volunteer support, construction assessment, etc. Value of their cumulative year of volunteer service: \$51,355.

2018 Funding: \$183,719

What's next? UCC Disaster Ministries continues to interact with local recovery efforts and stands ready to support unique needs as they arise.

Miss Evelyn's Story

Irma blew off portions of Miss Evelyn's roof and caused water damage to the ceiling. Thirteen days later, Maria came "pouring down" through the house, severely damaging the interior walls and most of her home's contents.

A diabetic, she struggled to keep her insulin the correct temperature despite a broken refrigerator. She slept in her bathroom for three months, hiding from



thieves who came at night to rummage through her belongings.

Miss Evelyn, 77 and living on a fixed income, was unable to afford enough galvanized metal to stop the roof from leaking. There was mold throughout the home.

Volunteers with the St. Thomas Long-Term Recovery Group repaired her roof, cleaned the home and installed new interior walls. At last, Miss Evelyn's home is safe and secure



Summer Communities of Service (10 weeks) Ages 19 +

Placements for the summer are happening now.

Serve at the intersection of faith communities and social justice. Serve local communities throughout the U.S. in long-term disaster recovery, food justice through community gardening and economic equity through children's enrichment. Reflect on action and be part of intentional community.

Travel, Housing, Living Stipend, and Health Insurance provided. Apply to your college for internship credit. More information [here](#).

Young Adult Service Communities (11 months) Ages 21-35

Placements for 2019-2020 happening now.

Become a faith-based justice leader. Join local communities acting for affordable housing, immigration reform, public health and racial justice. Serve at the intersection of faith communities and social justice. Reflect on action and be part of intentional community.

Housing, Living Stipend, and Health Insurance provided. Apply for student loan forbearance. More information [here](#).



Green DuBois Lenten Devotional

Illinois South Conference's DuBois Center is happy to provide a Lenten Devotional written for and dedicated to DuBois Center, the camp and retreat center of the Illinois South Conference of the United Church of Christ and to introduce a new initiative Green DuBois, which celebrates, honors and shares the wonder of the biodiversity of God found in this sacred setting. It was written by Rev. Dr. Donald C. Wagner. Photographs by Angela Hausmann, Marty Kemper, Scott Kuether, Jason Petry and other DuBois Center Photographers. It was edited by Jill Baker. Click [here](#) to download the devotional. You can also find the devotional on the Illinois South Conference website home [page](#) and in the [dropdown](#) for DuBois Center or on the DuBois Center [website](#) under news and events.

Green DuBois is an initiative with three branches: Encouraging people to come see the amazing biodiversity we have at our outdoor ministry facility; actively managing our forests and woodland habitat; and increasing our ecological sustainability.



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 for two sessions this spring, plus training. Join us April 9-12 and April 23-26, and work with school groups (grades 5-8) that stay overnight at DuBois Center. 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, host meals, 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. Check out the program [brochure](#) and position [description](#) for details. Then contact DuBois Center at 618-787-2202 or shirley.director@DuBoisCenter.org if this opportunity sounds interesting.



LENTEN WORK DAY - March 23, RVSP by March 18

Stretch your muscles, get a little dirty and make a difference! Help spruce up the grounds for our busy spring and summer seasons. It's a great Lenten discipline for you and a wonderful way to get involved and help at DuBois Center. Projects vary, depending on the weather and the skills of the workers - carpentry, cleaning, painting, raking and more. A hearty lunch is provided. Check out and share this [flyer](#).

RSVP by Monday, March 18 to dcinfo@DuBoisCenter.org or 618-787-2202. If the March date doesn't work for you, there will be another Service Saturday on April 13 - or call to set up a different day for your church or family group!



BROCHURES are COMING!

It's that time of year again. DuBois Center's summer camp brochures are HOT off the presses and will be finding their way to your mailboxes and churches soon! If you don't receive a brochure or packet of brochures by next week, please contact us at 618-787-2202 or dcinfo@DuBoisCenter.org, or check out the online [flipbook](#) brochure.

BULLETIN INSERTS

There are many ways to help spread the word about DuBois Center and our shared ministry. One is by utilizing bulletin inserts which are periodically included in Weekly Connection or sent directly to churches as print-ready PDF documents. All you need to do is copy, cut and stuff! Three are currently available to promote our upcoming spring and summer programs, as well as volunteer opportunities.

Camp [Schedule](#)
Summer Camp & Service [Saturday Block](#) Party & Summer Volunteers



TWO SESSIONS!

Just You & Me

Spend quality one-on-one time with a special child in your life - son, daughter, niece, nephew, godchild... and make memories that last a lifetime. Explore the creek, play on the water mat, create a treasure, ride a horse or canoe together. Make new friends around the dining table and during family game times. Learn more about God's love during BLAST and Vespers. This program is designed for adults with children age 5-7. There are two sessions from which to choose: June 9-11 and June 23-25. Last summer, both sessions were full with waiting lists, so don't delay! Online [registration](#) is now open. Brochures are in the mail or can be found [online](#).



WANTED:

Summer Barn Coordinator

[Click](#) for flyer.

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!



June 25-28, 2019 • FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC • MADISON, WISCONSIN

Enjoy three and a half days of innovative worship services, workshops, music for purchase and networking opportunities. The planning committee has created a conference that will explore unique elements of music and art to inspire and uplift attendees. All are welcome to join us.

UCC Musicians Association Featured presenters are John Behnke, Bert Pinsonneau, Bruce Bengtson, Susan Mendenhall, Janet Kessenich, Richard Bruxvoort Colligan, plus seventeen

more!

Workshops will range from organ, choral and handbells to drumming, liturgical art, liturgical movement, to working with a variety of aged voices, and promoting the arts in a variety of ways.

Each day, attendees will also have the opportunity to explore Madison, home to the State Capitol and the University of Wisconsin Badgers. Madison is summertime personified as it is situated between two lakes. There are plenty of perfect spots to relax and enjoy a view, walk along a lakeshore path or enjoy a sunset. To register and for more information, go to [Conference 2019](#).

Eden Theological Seminary presents the Langenberg Leadership Forum: Leadership for the Common Good on Tuesday, March 19 from 7:30 am - 9 am in the Schroer Commons.



Langenberg Leadership Forum
Leadership for the Common Good

The March breakfast features Steve Ehrlich, who will talk about **Stories from the Stream: Fly Fishing, Leadership, and the Common Good**, an innovative approach to adult development and learning that draws on thirty years of teaching and management experience in continuing education and an equally long journey as a fly fisherman. Steve will share lessons and analogies from the stream and the literature of fly fishing that guide purposeful living and working and help us create the life story we really want. You don't have to like fly fishing to attend this event. Registration is required. Click [here](#) to register. Click [here](#) for a flyer.

United Church of Christ
Church Building & Loan Fund

Need to energize and revitalize your church's strategies for faithful generosity? Does your church find it hard to talk about money? UCC Church Building & Loan Fund would like to make



A NETWORK FOR
GROWING STEWARDS

you aware of the Ecumenical Stewardship Center's (ESC) "Generosity transformed! your mission*your ministry*your money Conference, April 30 - May 3, 2019 in Indianapolis. For complete conference information and to register, visit [ESC's website](#). UCC Church Building & Loan Fund can help your church with stewardship and much more! For more information about all the services we offer, please contact Priscilla Bizer, Regional Mission Interpreter, bizerp@ucc.org.

Surviving Caregiving Conference will be held on April 27 from 9:30 am - 2:30 pm at St. John UCC Faith Hall in Collinsville. Attendees will learn about resources and techniques to help them on their caregiving journey. Speakers include Heidi Dodd, speaking on *Legal & Financial Issues*; Lynette Strode, speaking on *Coping Techniques & Tricks That Make Daily Living Manageable*; and Greg Kyrouac, speaking on *Dementia Disease Progression & Care Strategies*. Attendees will receive a resource packet. Continental breakfast and box lunch provided. Complimentary care available at St. John's Adult Day Center during the conference hours. Pre-registration for the adult day service is required at 618-344-5008. Event is free but registration is required at 618-222-2561. The event is sponsored by St. John's Community Care, Hospice of Southern Illinois Inc, and AgeSmart Community Resources. Click [here](#) for a flyer.



Caring compassionately for aging and disabled people since 1985

St. John's Community Care presents Brain Wave held on Wednesdays and Fridays and continues for 10 weeks. First class will be held on Wednesday, April 3 from 10 am

- 2 pm. Brain Wave is open to people experiencing early memory loss. This group provides a safe, positive, strength-based environment where participants will learn, share, and engage together with an expert. Benefits of the class include education about memory loss, meaningful activities that build upon strengths and abilities, fun peer support, skill building and mentally challenging activities. Outcomes for participants may yield decreased depression, decreased anxiety in social settings, stabilized cognitive functioning and increased coping skills. To register or to schedule an assessment appointment, call 618-344-5008 by March 20. The curriculum was developed by the University of Wisconsin. Click [here](#) for a flyer.

St. John's Community Care Presents Savvy Caregiver Training. The 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 classes will be held on Mondays, March 18, 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22 from 2 pm - 4 pm at Meridian Village, 27 Auerbach Place, Glen Carbon, IL 62034 in the Media Room on the 3rd floor of the Evergreen Building. Thanks to a grant, the sessions are offered without charge and complimentary care is available nearby for the person with dementia at St. John's Community Care's Edwardsville Adult Day Center (1015 B Century Drive, Edwardsville). For more information or to register, call 618-344-5008. Download a [flyer](#).

St. John's Community Care and the Alzheimers Association will offer Cardinals Reminiscence League on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 10:30 am - 12 pm at University Pointe II Center in Edwardsville. The Cardinals Reminiscence League is open to people with memory loss who would like to share memories about the Cardinals baseball team, learn about the team's history, and support the current team. New fans and those who would like to socialize and learn more are welcome. Session dates are April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15, September 19 and October 17. All sessions are free. Call 618-656-7090 to learn more and reserve your seat. Click [here](#) for a flyer.



Celebrate Deaconess Nurse Ministry at Cocktails for a Cause

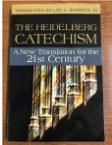
Deaconess Nurse Ministry will be the highlighted nonprofit at Maryland Heights Chamber of Commerce's Cocktails for a Cause on March 27 held at Drunken Fish in Westport Plaza from 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm. All attendees are asked to bring

an item from our wishlist or donate to our diabetic supportive services. Wishlist items include:

- Personal items: Toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, tampon, sanitary pad, deodorant, toilet paper
- Socks
- First Aid items: Band-Aid, alcohol swap, antibiotic ointment, disposable medical gloves
- Nutritional drink supplements (Ensure, Boost, or Glucerna).

Deaconess Nurse Ministry is teaming up with Panera Fundraising in April to raise money for their programs. On April 18, from 4 pm - 8 pm at the St. Louis Bread Company location in Bridgeton, Missouri, all proceeds from sales will benefit Deaconess Nurse Ministry. Click [here](#) for a flyer. All proceeds will benefit Deaconess Nurse Ministry.

What's Happening at Illinois South Conference...



Free Items

Four copies of The Heidelberg Catechisms, translated by Lee C. Barrett, III, are looking for a new home. They are new and in very good condition. Contact Pastor Cherie Stolze at cheriestolze@gmail.com or 314-223-6291.

First come, first served.



Illinois South Conference has a few items that we would like to share.

The first (left) is a set of candle holders and cross which came from the altar at the Immanuel UCC in East St. Louis when it closed a few years ago. Please call the office at 618-654-2125 to tell us you wish to have them and we will hold it for you to pick up at your convenience

The second (right) is a set of 26 The Hymnal United Church of Christ. They are in good condition and searching for the opportunity to help your church sing out the messages of God.



FREE for a Good Home - Zion UCC in New Baden has the following items looking for a new home. Anyone interested or needing more information, can contact Rodney at rodnevwashburn1@gmail.com.

- 3 JBL Control 28 Speakers-white
- 2 JBL Control 25 Speakers-white
- 2 JBL Control 23T Speakers black
- 1 Mackie 1604-VLZ PRO Audio mixer
- 1 Peavey UM-10n Mixer/Amplifier
- 1 SKB Gig Rig Rolling Mixer Rack (old design)
- 2 Audio Technica AT853RWx Hanging Microphones
- 1 Kawai Organ (recently used)
- 1 Baldwin Organ

Ecuador Partnership invites you to participate in the Mission to Ecuador on July 5 - 15, 2019 for a very unique trip in Jama, Ecuador in the province of Manabí. Jama was close to the epicenter of the earthquake in April 2016 that devastated the coastline. You will be completing a TWO-PART MISSION: 1-Masonry construction of a home with Habitat Para el Ecuador. 2- Four-day community outreach activities focusing on pillars of character, working with children and families of the community. WE NEED YOU!

On this 11-day trip you will fly into Guayaquil and back from Quito. If you have been thinking about going-THIS IS YOUR TIME! Deadline for registration for the trip is March 15. Do not hesitate to contact us to schedule a phone meeting or physical meeting to discuss the itinerary! Thank you! Be Blessed. Click [here](#) for a flyer.



Boundary Training 2019

In order to maintain ministerial standing in the Illinois South Conference, authorized ministers are required to receive Boundary Awareness Training every three years. Boundary Training is based on the curriculum from Faith Trust Institute. Emails have been sent to all those who are due in 2019. However, if you are unsure about when you are due to re-qualify, please check with the Conference Office at 618-654-2125 or cpursell@iscucc.org. Click [here](#) for a flyer.

COST: \$20 covers food and materials for ISC pastors; \$30 for non-ISC pastors

Tuesday, May 14, 2019 (RSVP deadline May 7)

BOUNDARIES FOR RETIRED CLERGY

8:30 am registration; 9:00 start. Conclude by 12:00 pm

Illinois South Conference Office: 1312 Broadway, Highland

Tuesday, May 21, 2019 (RSVP deadline May 14)

BOUNDARIES FOR ACTIVE CLERGY

8:30 am registration; 9:00 start. Conclude by 2:00 pm

Illinois South Conference Office: 1312 Broadway, Highland

Tuesday, November 5, 2019 (RSVP deadline October 29)

BOUNDARIES FOR RETIRED CLERGY

8:30 am registration; 9:00 start. Conclude by 12:00 pm

Illinois South Conference Office: 1312 Broadway, Highland

Wednesday, November 13, 2019 (RSVP deadline November 6)

BOUNDARIES FOR ACTIVE CLERGY

8:30 am registration; 9:00 start. Conclude by 2:00 pm

Illinois South Conference Office: 1312 Broadway, Highland

Job Opportunity: Uni-Pres Kindercottage Director

Uni-Pres Kindercottage is a child development center located in East St. Louis Illinois. It is a joint mission between the Presbyterian Church USA and the United Church of Christ.

We are announcing the search for a Director of the center. Interested applicants must meet DCFS licensing standards and ExeRate standards.

Qualified applicants can find a full job description and application procedures on the [website](#).

HELP!! Uni-Pres Kindercottage is preparing a video of the last 50 years of ministry at the day care center in East St. Louis--the old location and our current building. If you have pictures, especially pictures including Brenda Crisp in them, please get them to Kindercottage. You can e-mail digital copies to brenai_91605@yahoo.com. And please save the date, June 29, for a fabulous "Golden Gala" celebrating 50 years of ministry and looking forward to the future. A twice a century party you don't want to miss!!

Job Opportunity - Part-time Custodian

Salem United Church of Christ, Alhambra has a part-time custodian vacancy beginning May 1, 2019. The position requires 18-20 hours per week including Sunday morning worship time. If interested, contact (618)488-3215 or salemuccalh@gmail.com.

Staunton St. Paul UCC's Youth Group, Exhale, is hosting a used prom dress sale on Sat, April 6 from 9 am - 5 pm. They are looking for donations of dresses, shoes, jewelry, etc. If you have something to donate, contact Becca at 618-520-0185. All proceeds will go to support the Exhale Mission Trips.

Region 2

Dupo Christ UCC will hold its All You Can Eat Chicken & Dumpling Dinner on Sun, March 31 from 11:30 am - 3 pm. Dinner includes Green beans, carrots, cole slaw, bread and dessert. Adults \$10; Children 5 - 12 years \$4; Children under 5 years FREE. Carry outs available. Call 618-286-4211 for deliveries.

St. Peter UCC, Red Bud will hold two fish fries during Lent, Fri, March 15 and Good Friday, April 19, serving from 4 pm - 7 pm. Menu includes jumbo cod, catfish cutups and chicken strips with all the sides. Eat in or carry-out. Join us at 403 Madison St., Red Bud, IL

Waterloo Zion UCC St. Joe Christian Education will hold a Chicken and Dumpling Dinner fundraiser on April 6 at the Monroe Co. Fairgrounds from 5 pm to 7 pm. Menu will include Chicken and Dumplings, salad, corn, mashed potatoes, dinner roll and dessert. Adults \$8; Children 4 - 11 years \$5; Children 3 and under free. One quart jar of chicken and dumplings for \$8. Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle, Lottery Ticket Drawing. Music by "Pick N An A Grin N" from 6 pm - 8 pm.

Christ UCC in Dupo will hold a Rock & Roll Bingo and Silent Auction on Fri, April 5 at the Dupo Sugar Loaf Township Community Building, 240 S 5th Street in Dupo. It's bingo with songs instead of numbers. Doors open at 6:30 pm and bingo starts at 7 pm. Cost is \$10 per person. Bring your own food and drink.

Hecker Friedens UCC will hold its 2019 GOOD FRIDAY Fish Fry on April 19 from 4 pm - 7 pm. Eat in or Carry Outs. Menu includes, fried cod, chicken strips, French fries, potato salad, cole slaw, stewed tomatoes, macaroni & cheese, pie, cake and drinks. Good Friday Worship follows at 7:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Region 4

Brighton St. John's UCC will hold Friday Fish Fries on March 15 - April 12 from 11 am - 6 pm. Menu includes river fish (Buffalo) and white fish with choice of bread or pulled pork sandwich, brats or hot dogs. Sides include baked beans, green beans, potato salad, coleslaw, or mac and cheese and desserts of pies, cakes, brownies etc. Cost for sandwich only \$5; full meal \$10 (includes 2 sides, dessert and soda). Dine in or Carry out. Delivery to businesses and schools at lunch. Order ahead at 618-372-3737.

Region 5

Looking for a Wednesday Evening Lenten Service?

There is not a particular theme, but like Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, services cover much in "Beatitudes, Blessings, Etc". Each Wednesday, services travel to a different location and begin at 7 pm with refreshments following.

- March 13- Immanuel UCC, Hamel
 - March 20- Marine UCC, Marine
 - March 27- St. Paul UCC, Edwardsville
 - April 3- Grantfork UCC, Grantfork
 - April 10- Immanuel UCC, Hamel.
- All are welcome.

On Saturday, April 6, 2019, 7:30 p.m., St. Paul UCC, Lebanon, will host the Heartland Community Chorus in concert. The chorus is made up of singers from the local area including Highland, Troy, St. Rose, Trenton, Greenville, St. Jacob, Pocahontas, Edwardsville and Pierron. Rev. Jerry Bennett, pastor, St. Peter UCC, Hookdale, and Rev. Dr. Sheldon Culver, former ISC Conference Minister, are members of this ensemble. The chorus is now in its sixth season and they present a varied repertoire. The theme for this concert is "Sing Me to Heaven". Mark your calendar now.

Immanuel UCC in Hamel will hold its Family Style Chicken Dinner

Region 8

St. Paul UCC in Lebanon presents Lenten Studies as part of their Wednesday evening services.

- Wednesday, March 13: Ada Jimenez and Louis Damani Jones will lead this study and conversation on Racism and Diversity, 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall, Biblical text: Galatians 3.28

- Wednesday, March 20: Lori A. Lehr-Knapp, MS, LCPC will lead this study and conversation on Mental Health, Suicide and Depression, 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall, Biblical text: Mark 3.21

- Wednesday, March 27: Debbie & Shane Stinson will lead this study and conversation on LGBTQ and Gender Issues, 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall, Biblical text: Luke 10.25

- Wednesday, April 3: Brenda Crisp, Director of Uni-Pres Kindercottage will lead this study and discussion on Poverty, 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall, Biblical text: Mark 14.7

- Wednesday, April 10: Elizabeth George will lead this study and discussion on the #MeToo Movement, 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall, Biblical text: John 4.1-42

For those who are interested in sharing a meal, each Wednesday's study will begin with a light soup, fruit & veggie supper from 5:00-6:15 pm with the studies following from 6:15-7:45 pm. All are welcome!

Marissa Friedens UCC will hold its Wurstmarkt on Sat, March 16 from 3 pm - 7 pm. All are welcome.

Zion UCC in New Baden will hold Fish Dinners on March 22, and April 19 from 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm.

Dinner includes cod tail or catfish, mac and cheese, fries or chips, cole slaw and dessert. Dine in or carry out. All are welcome.

Region 9

Irish musical group "Celtica" will provide music at the 9:45 am worship service at O'Fallon UCC on St. Patrick's Day, March 17. Come hear their wonderful music with flute, Irish tinwhistle, bodhran, guitar, keyboard and vocals. Join us

Region 3

St. John UCC in Collinsville presents JAZZ*125* - Live on Friday, March 29 at 7:00 pm. The evening features Dr. Dwight [Andrews](#) of Atlanta, GA and Cliff Aerie and The Oikos [Ensemble](#) of Webster Groves, MO. Tickets are \$50 per person. Contact 618-344-2526 or [email](#).

on Sun, March 24 from 11:30 am - 5:30 pm. Adults \$10; Children 6 - 9 years \$5; Carry outs \$10. Menu includes fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, cole slaw, applesauce, iced tea or coffee, white or chocolate milk and desert. Quilt and basket raffles and Country Store. The church is 1-1/2 miles south of Hamel at 5838 Staunton Rd. Contact 618-633-2277 for more information.

Staunton St. Paul UCC and Alhambra Salem UCC Exhale (Youth Group) will hold a Trivia Night at Salem UCC in Alhambra on Sat, April 13 beginning at 6 pm. \$10 per person with up to 10 per table. 50/50. Bring your own snacks. Proceeds go toward their summer mission trip. Contact Becca at rjbraundmeier@gmail.com or 618-520-0185.

afterwards for a St. Patrick's Day Potato Bar sponsored by the youth group.

Belleville Concordia UCC's Women's Guild will host a Trivia Night on March 23 at the Quail Club (8303 Concordia Church Road, Belleville). Doors open at 6:30 pm and Trivia starts at 7:00 pm. Cost is \$15 a person or \$120 a table (Includes a survivor round & mulligans). Bring your own snacks. Drinks available from a cash bar. Contact Natalie at 618-476-3377 or [email](#).