New Attitude - Everything Is Figureoutable
Do you ever wonder why some churches seem to flourish, while others seem to flounder? Why some churches seem to easily travel down new paths of ministry, while others seem stuck in a rut? Why some churches adapt to new leadership, ideas, and seasons, which move them forward, while others seem fixed in the past? In addition, why some churches make quick and nimble decisions while others hem, haw, and drag their feet? The answer is one simple word - Attitude.

Now before you start to rehearse a litany of reasons of why your church can't do certain things, I want to gently caution you that these reasons might well be just excuses.

In Marie Forleo's book *Everything is Figureoutable*, she introduces a simple concept she learned from her mom. Marie begins with telling about a conversation she had with her independent, determined mother, which changed her life.

Upon walking in on her mother sitting at the kitchen table with pieces of a broken radio, duct tape and a variety of screwdrivers, Marie asked her mother, "Mom, what happened to your radio? Is it broken?" Her mom explained what had happened and what she was doing to fix it. After watching her mother work on the radio for a while, Marie finally asked, "How do you know how to do so many different things that you've never done before, without anyone showing you how to do it?"

Putting down her tools, Marie's mother turned to her and said, "Don't be silly, Ree. Nothing in life is that complicated. You can do whatever you set your mind to if you roll up your sleeves, get in there, and do it. Everything is figureoutable."

When I read this powerful truth, I thought of all the times I have been in churches in which the two most common mantras were, "But we have always done it this way," and "But we have never done it before." Both are two sides of the coin, essentially saying "we can't."

However, when we say "we can't", we are really saying "we won't." We "won't" try new things. We "won't" take a risk and leap of faith. We "won't" call a pastor who some might object to because we are afraid or we value their opinions over the possibilities God might have in mind for us. We "won't" trust God has something wonderful and bigger in mind for us than our limited minds can imagine.

I wonder, if every time we said "we can't" in the church, in our meetings and our conversations, we challenged each other to be honest that what we really mean is "we won't". We are not willing or we really don't want to. We really don't want to do the work, trust, or take the risk.

One interesting exercise might be for a church to write down every "we can't" statement, which exists in the congregation. Then cross the "can't" in each statement and replace it with "we won't." I would imagine the visual would be quite alarming and might be quite transformative.

The truth is everything is FIGUREOUTABLE. But Marie Forleo was not the first person to discover this. This message is conveyed throughout scripture in the lives and stories of ordinary people who are able to do ordinary things by simply changing their attitude.

Instead of saying, "can't" they said "God can!" Jesus often challenged the disciples' can't attitudes, reminding them while something might seem impossible for us alone, "with God, all things are possible."

Our "we can't" statements reveal our attitudes and our excuses. Excuses have no purpose other than serving as dream killers. And as many have said, "if we argue for our limitations, we get to keep them."

My dream for this Conference is that we ALL would be willing to examine, name and claim our "we can't" excuses. Now, the truth is if we continue to argue for our limitations, we should not be surprised that the limitations will continue to exist and have a hold on us.
Yet, if we are willing to be honest with ourselves about our attitudes, which have created our excuses and limitations, AND are willing to change those attitudes, by trusting in God's plan and purpose, WE WILL discover "with God all things are possible." Or in new language "in God, all things" are ... . Blessings, Rev. Shana Johnson, Conference Minister

SHANA’S UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE
January 19
Morning - Preaching at Concordia UCC, Belleville for their 175th Anniversary
Afternoon - Preaching at St. John UCC, Wood River for their 100th Anniversary

THIS IS YOUR OCWM MONIES AT WORK
To invite me to your church for a particular event, season in the life of the church or a special occasion, please reach out to me via email at sjohnson@iscucc.org or by phone at (618) 654-2125 (office phone) or (618) 882-8247.

Day of Discipleship - Registration Open
This year, Day of Discipleship presents "Healthy & Whole Congregations," on Saturday, Feb 29 from 9:30 am - 2 pm at St. Paul UCC in Waterloo. Rev Dr. Sarah Lund, UCC Minister for Disabilities & Mental Health Justice, will be the keynote speaker, talking about how we can make our congregations welcoming to all. After the keynote, you can choose two workshops by other local experts who will give you suggestions and resources to help your congregations. To find out more about Day of Discipleship and Rev. Dr. Lund, click here or use this form to register and choose workshops you want to attend.

Green DuBois Meeting
The next Green DuBois team meeting is Fri, Jan 24 from 10:30 am-Noon at the Highland ISC office. We have several new projects to prepare for, including a Spring Star Party in March and the Nature Photography Retreat in May. If you can't attend but would like to be added to the mailing list, send a request to greendubois@aol.com.

Festival of Faith Scheduled for February
Festival of Faith 2020, an event for 6th-8th graders and their chaperones, will take place on February 15 - 16 (Saturday & Sunday) at DuBois Center. For a third year, we welcome Craig Bielke from St Paul UCC in Belleville as the event’s leader and thank him for taking on this exciting but challenging responsibility! All are invited to worship, play, grow and experience God's great back yard at DuBois Center. Please note the important dates -January 17 for space requests and February 4 for paperwork/payment to the ISC office. The space request form ensures that your youth and chaperones will have space at the event and helps us plan for housing and meals. The February 4 deadline allows us time to communicate back with chaperones, plan activities/discussions, and confirm housing placement and management of dietary issues. Here is the packet for planning and registration of your church’s youth. For more information, click here.

Several choirs from Region 2 of Illinois South Conference are joining together to present the Region 2 Choral Festival on Sunday, February 9 at Waterloo St. Paul UCC at 3 pm. The church’s address is 200 N. Main St., Waterloo, IL 62298. Some of the choirs will perform separately and then join together for a mass choir performance. There is no charge to attend. A free-will offering will be taken and the proceeds given to OCWM. All are welcome to attend to hear the marvelous music from joined voices.

Retired Pastors
- Rev. Gail and Ronald Geisel, Afton, MO

People with Life Concerns
- Please keep Rev. David Beebe in your prayers as he has been hospitalized while dealing with some serious health issues. He has served as Intentional Interim for several churches in Illinois South Conference over the years. You may reach him by email or his home address at 1219 Flagstone Terrace, Lake St. Louis, MO 63367.
- Pray for Rev. E. John Schaller as he deals with health issues. Rev. Schaller is the father of Rev. Mary Schaller Blaufuss. Cards may be sent to 623 Hamacher St, Waterloo, IL 62298.
- Keep Pastor Matt (Laura) Friz in your prayers as he deals with health issues. Pastor Friz is the pastor at Floraville St. Paul UCC. Cards may be sent to 13 Josiah Ln, Millstadt IL 62260.
- Please pray for Revs. Lev and Linda Reynolds as they deal with Lev’s health issues. Rev. Linda Reynolds is the former Associate Pastor for Belleville St. Paul UCC and both have served on several ISC teams. Cards may be sent to 2490 W Randolph St, St. Charles, MO 63301.
- Pray for Rev. Bob Coffey as he deals with some health issues. Rev. Coffey is serving as Pastor for St. Peter's UCC in Lenzburg. Cards may be sent to 6213 Jo Ann Dr, Belleville, IL 62223.
- 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.
GENDER NEUTRAL RESTROOMS

As of January 1, 2020, all public spaces will be prohibited from having signs outside of one-person public restrooms from designating the bathroom as gender specific. This means all one-person bathrooms in public spaces (including churches and camps) must be labeled as gender neutral. (Bathrooms with multiple stalls can still be designated gender specific.)

The language of the bill which was unanimously approved in the Senate and by a 109-5 vote in the House in the spring of 2019 reads, “every single-occupancy restroom in a place of public accommodation or public building shall be identified as all-gender and designated for use by no more than one person at a time or for family or assisted use.”

In the Conference, we have recently ordered signs for our single occupancy restrooms at the Conference office and at DuBois Center. Below is the picture of the signs we will be using which also includes Braille making the signs ADA complaint as well.

We strongly encourage churches to follow our lead. If you want information on how to get the signs we have purchased for our Conference public spaces, please feel free to contact Christy Pursell at cpursell@iscucc.org.

Although St. John United Church of Christ, 228 N. 6th Street, Wood River, has been celebrating its Centennial Anniversary for the last few months, the actual service for the celebration is planned Sunday, January 19 at 9:30 am with Rev. Dr. Nancy Livingston preaching. An afternoon service will be at 2 pm with guest speaker Rev. Shana Johnson, Conference Minister of the Illinois South Conference of the United Church of Christ. During the celebration year, the church has hosted a Choir reunion, a Confirmation reunion and a Sunday School/Youth Fellowship reunion. A reunion will be Sunday, February 16 for couples who were married in the church.

The next LIFE Certificate Course will be on February 8 presented by Dr. Jill Baker on Exploring the United Church of Christ: History and Polity of the UCC. This course will explore the history and polity (structure and governance) 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 to the future on how the denomination’s theological trajectories may continue to develop. This class is intended for people seeking licensing, dual standing or privilege of call. It is also appropriate for anyone wanting to learn more about the United Church of Christ who have no need for ministerial authorization. This LIFE course is a single day format. It will count as one credit in the LIFE program.

Recommended Reading, That We May All (Finally!) be One, by Mary Susan Gast, Pilgrim Press, 2016. Available in the Eden Bookstore.

Dr. Jill Baker is the Moderator of the IL South Conference and an ONA Consultant for the Illinois South Conference UCC, and a trainer in the Building an Inclusive Church curriculum.

To register, contact Jill Schantz at jschantz@eden.edu or by calling 314-918-2554.

UCC reaches out with disaster relief in Puerto Rico

The United Church of Christ is reaching out to partners in Puerto Rico after a series of earthquakes, the largest of which struck the island on early Tuesday morning, Jan. 7. The magnitude-6.4 earthquake, nine miles from the southwestern town of Guayanilla, has killed one person, taken down homes and other structures and caused an island-wide blackout.

Tuesday's quake, one of the strongest yet to hit Puerto Rico, is the latest in a series of earthquakes shaking the island. One on Monday, which hit just before dawn in the waters just south of the island, registered 5.8 on the Richter scale. A string of smaller quakes, including one measuring at a magnitude of 5.0, struck later Monday, frightening residents of southern Puerto Rico who had been waiting outside their homes for fear the buildings were damaged and unstable. Rev. Angel Luis Rivera-Agosto, the UCC/Global Ministries area executive, said three Global Ministries partner organizations are working to assist and assess the need in Puerto Rico.

The Rev. Karen Georgia Thompson, UCC associate general minister and co-executive for Global Ministries, is sending funds to United Evangelical Church of Puerto Rico (IEUPR) so the church can assist with needs of first response, such as hygiene kits. Disaster Ministries is also issuing a $250,000 emergency appeal to continue to assist the people of the island long term.

UCC Disaster Ministries and Global Ministries have already been working with IEUPR to address the damages from Hurricane Maria in 2017. The churches have collaborated on a multifaceted recovery program in which the UCC has invested $770,000 to date.

That type of commitment will continue following the earthquakes.
"As the island continues trembling, it is important to continue praying in solidarity with the people of Puerto Rico at this moment," said Rivera-Augusto. "Matters can change over the upcoming days."

Click [here](#) to send a gift to the UCC Emergency USA Fund to assist the effort in Puerto Rico.

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**Who Leads Your Church?**

The Illinois South Conference is the association of churches which is here to help you find information and resources for all of the areas of its members’ churches. In order to get this information to the right leaders of your church, we need to update our information as to your leadership. Here is a form we would like you to fill out after your yearly elections so that we will send financial information to Treasurers and music information to your musicians, etc. Please help us to keep current and funnel information to the right people. We are sending as an excel file and a pdf. Both are fillable on your computer or can be printed to write the information in. 2020 Church Leaders [excel](#)  [pdf](#)

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**Emergency Readiness**

For any of you that attended the 2019 Annual Meeting, one of the items that remains in our thoughts was when one of our delegates passed out during the meeting. That was obviously not a part of his, nor our, agenda for the day. Delegates expressed concern over the way the event was handled and the ISC staff and planning team felt unprepared for this medical emergency. Thankfully we had a trained EMS worker, nurses, and medical staff on site, but we hadn't planned for the event. We all know that accidents, medical emergencies, and disasters can happen at any time, to any of us, but we don't think it actually will happen to us. Since the Annual Meeting, staff and the planning team have had several discussions about how to be better prepared for such issues. We would like to invite those with a background in emergency readiness to join us in being prepared for such issues (which we pray will not happen) at future Conference gatherings. If you are interested in sharing your thoughts, plans, and time, please let Christy Pursell know at [cpursell@iscucc.org](mailto:cpursell@iscucc.org). We will most likely develop a plan through emails, conference calls, and/or Zoom gatherings.

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**Pastor’s Sabbath Retreat**

This bag, & 29 others, were made by Karen Gaines, St. John UCC in Granite City & member of Local Church Ministries Team, for the Pastor’s Sabbath Retreat held on Jan 8-9 at Toddhall center. It contained such items as inspirational magnets, candles, key chains, stress balls, notebooks, candy, coloring book & colored pencils and more. Two churches, Addieville Zion UCC and Nashville St. Paul UCC, provided money to purchase goodies for the bags. Cahokia Bethel UCC provided chocolates. Trenton St. John UCC provided a notebook and pen. Centralia St. Peter UCC provided an inspirational magnet, and Irvington Friedens UCC gave the stress balls for each bag. Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time, talents and gifts to the Pastor's Sabbath Retreat.

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**It’s Time to Update Your Church’s Records with UCC**

Here’s some of the reasons why!

1. Annual reporting allows you to update your church's contact information so that the UCC Yearbook & Directory, Access UCC, and Find A Church on ucc.org are accurate.

2. When planning your congregation’s future plans or when your congregation is in the search process, an eleven -year membership and financial report for your church will be available from the data that you submit during the yearbook process. You can see what money was spent on salary, housing, pensions, etc. to understand and prepare a package for the proposed candidate. If your church doesn't report the information, you cannot easily benefit from that statistical information. It also helps your conference understand your congregation from a statistical perspective, in order to provide appropriate support and resources. If you'd like to see your church's 11-year report, let me know and I'll run it for you.

3. When you report the membership numbers, we keep that number to determine how many delegates are allowed to represent your church at Annual Meeting, Ecclesiastical Councils, and any other official meetings. So without that information, we cannot determine your representation accurately.

4. The numbers you report help to determine how many delegates your Conference can designate for General Synod, which is one of the essential ways your voice is heard on important issues.

5. The information given about ministerial support is anonymously combined with other churches' information to give a suggested compensation package for any pastor. These statistics are a benchmark to determine appropriate church staffing configurations and compensation guidelines. It will be helpful for your congregation when in the search process or when establishing your budget. (Individual data is not published but is used to accumulate the final statistics for the benchmarks.)

To be continued next week...

Please decide who is responsible for this at your church. If it is not in your job description, please forward to the person responsible. Don't assume someone else will be doing it. If you choose not to enter the information online, just
fill out the attached Yearbook Data Entry Worksheet at the end of the Church Instructions and send it to me. I will be happy to do it for you. I am also sending an additional copy by snail mail to all church offices.

Church Instructions
2018-2019 Data from Last Year's Report
Data Hub opened January 8 and will remain open until midnight on March 4, 2020. See the Instructions for how-to. Thanks.
Lynnette Schuepbach lschuepbach@iscucc.org.

SPILLWAY UPDATE
Lowering the water level in the main lake at DuBois Center by 4-5 feet made us all a little nervous, but it had to be done. What if we had a dry winter? A dry spring? With the work on the new spillway, our swim area all but disappeared with the water... through the siphon pipe. Good News! Recent rains have filled the lake! Even more good news - the new overflow pipe is doing its job and the waters are flowing! Next steps include adding more rock to the back side of the dam to prevent erosion, removing additional trees to preserve the integrity of the structure, seeding the hill, and replacing the fence. Watch for updates!

The project was made possible by generous donations to Operation Shimmer.

In 2020, DuBois Center and Green DuBois are committed to providing even more opportunities to get outside and enjoy God's amazing creation. Celebrate the start of spring under the stars at camp! We're hosting a Star Party from 7 pm - 10 pm on March 20 - the Spring Equinox. Festivities begin with a bonfire and snacks at Picnic Point. Trams will run to and from the Rustic shelter at 7:30 pm and 8:30 pm. Star gazing will be in the field at Rustic. Bring your own binoculars or view the sky through equipment provided by Green DuBois. This is a FREE Conference-wide, family-friendly event. Mark your calendars and plan now to attend.

SUMMER JOBS
DuBois Center Equestrian Program
Looking for a rewarding summer job working with children and horses? How about hands-on experience managing a trail ride program? Spending time with the horses is a highlight for many of our campers. In addition to caring for our 20-horse herd, our summer barn team utilizes basic riding instruction and time “getting to know the ponies” to help campers build self-confidence and learn to respect and appreciate God's amazing creation. For those who have never experienced a horse up close, the first moments can be overwhelming. However, with nurturing guidance, campers quickly learn that they can overcome their fears and experience something wonderful. Tears often transform into giant smiles. The joy campers show is reward enough, but serving on the summer barn team also provides hands-on work experience for individuals considering a career in equine or social service-related fields. For more information, check out this flyer or contact Shirley at dcinfo@DuBoisCenter.org or 618-787-2202.

CAMP NURSES
Servants with Sunscreen
Band-Aids - YES, but so much more! One setting for ministry at DuBois Center is our health center. Volunteer nurses, most of whom are RNs, are a vital piece of our summer camp program. Serving
as a camp nurse can be a very rewarding mission experience, one that is similar, yet very different than most traditional nursing positions. Responsibilities include reviewing camper medical forms, conducting health screenings, receiving & administering medications, providing first aid & basic medical treatment, and documentation. But when you really get down to it, nurses spend most of their time removing ticks, soothing rashes, distributing medications and providing extra TLC for homesick and nervous campers. If you are an RN, please consider serving with us for a full or partial week. The living quarters do have AC and there is often time to join us for worship, explore the woods or just sit back and read a book. For more information, contact Shirley at dcinfo@DuBoisCenter.org or 618-787-2202.

CAMP BROCHURES
Place Your Order NOW!
At DuBois Center, we are busy planning for Summer Camp 2020! Right now we are putting together our order for brochures. This year we are working especially hard to optimize our promotion, and you can help! Please let us know how many brochures you would like for your CHURCH. We would be happy to send one for every child in Sunday School! Or if stacks in the narthex and church office work best in your setting - great! Just let us know how many are needed. Please send your request to Julie at register@DuBoisCenter.org or call 618-357-1809. FYI - We will mail brochures directly to all 2018 and 2019 campers and retreat participants.

HIGH SCHOOL WEEK - June 21-26
One week, two great options: Wrangler and X-Plore! All the favorite DuBois Center activities plus MORE! More fun, more adventure, more friends, with an extra treat - more meals served in the Rustic Village. And there's more... choice times return with even more great options. Designed for youth who have completed grades 8-12, this is a great week to build community, grow closer to God, experience nature and enjoy some good old-fashioned FUN! If high school is but a memory and you are 21 or over, this is a great week to volunteer! Give us a call and request vacation time now. For a Sneak Peek at the rest of the summer, click here.

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!

Two Ways Hitz Memorial Home Can Help Your Church
Hitz Memorial Home would like to share information about their mission to provide care for loved ones, by giving brochures and a DVD to all ISC churches that would like them. Also, if you are planning a dinner or event and would like disposable Hitz Memorial Home placemats, they can provide some for you. A small donation is accepted but not required. If you are interested in either of these opportunities, please contact Susan Tudor, Brooke Clark or Xandra Meffert at 618-488-2355.

Health & Human Service Sunday is January 26, 2020. CHHSM hopes that you will help them spread the word about the importance of local Health & Human Services on that day. To help you with preparations for worship, they have prepared liturgy for you to use. Click here to see what is available. Share your stories about your celebrations of Health & Human Services, and CHHSM will share them through social media.
Challenge  Eric Klinenberg, NYU sociologist and scholar of urban studies, culture, and media, will be speaking on his book *Palaces for the People: How Social Infrastructure Can Help Fight Inequality, Polarization, and the Decline of Civic Life* on Wednesday, January the 15th, at 7:00 pm at the Schlafly Branch of the St. Louis Public Library. His book has been called by Jon Stewart "A comprehensive, entertaining, and compelling argument for how rebuilding social infrastructure can help heal divisions in our society and move us forward." Eric's work engages issues of gun violence, community well-being, inequality, and the Common Good. He challenges us to find ways to enhance our community's social infrastructure. This talk will be part of the launch of a St. Louis social infrastructure project.

Inspiration  On Tuesday, January 21, the Langenberg Leadership Forum features Dr. Art McCoy, the transformational Superintendent of Jennings School District. In Jennings, he has led the effort to achieve 100% graduation, career, and college placement for the last 4 years. His dedication to the youth leadership, WE Schools Program, is featured on their nationally broadcasted WE Day special hosted by Neil Patrick Harris, and featuring Selena Gomez, Natalie Portman, Chance the Rapper, Bill Nye, and Ali Mahershala. Dr. McCoy's service to the community includes board membership for the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, Federal Reserve Bank, St. Louis Magic House, Harris Stowe-State University Board of Regents, the Muny, the University of Missouri-St. Louis, the St. Louis American, The Boys Scouts of America, the NAACP, and BJC St. Louis Children's Hospital.

More information about each of these events and registration can be found at eden.edu/events, or by contacting Walker Leadership Institute Director, Steve Lawler at 314-753-7911 or slawler@eden.edu.

Memory Cafe to be held monthly at Senior Services Plus, Inc., 2603 N Rodgers Ave, Alton on the 3rd Wednesday of each month throughout the year. Memory problems should not keep you at home. Join us for an afternoon of conversation and activities to start your day off right. It will be led by a professional who understands the challenges memory loss causes, both for the person directly and their loved one. No charge to attend. Registration is requested. Attend as many cafes as you wish. A care partner must attend with individuals experiencing memory loss. For more information, contact Jane Morgan at jmorgan@seniorservicesplus.org or 618-465-3298, ext. 144.

**Memory Cafe, A Winter Wonderland, will be held at the Main Street Community Center, 1003 N Main St., Edwardsville, Illinois 62025 on the second Thursday of every month from 10 am - 11:30 am.** No charge to attend. Registration is requested. For more information on this location, contact 618-656-0300 or info@mainstcc.org.

**A third Memory Cafe is at the Collinsville Senior Citizen Center, 420 E Main St, Collinsville, IL 62234 on the first Thursday of every month from 10 am - 11:30 am.** No charge to attend. Registration is requested. For more information on this location, contact 618-344-7787. All three Memory Cafes are sponsored by St. John's Community Care in Collinsville.

What's Happening at Illinois South Conference...

**National Youth Event 2020**

Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana

**July 22-July 25, 2020**

Sponsorship Information [Book](#)

**Job Opportunity:** Deaconess Nurse Ministry has a position open for a part-time nurse to work with UCC clergy and their families in health and wellness support. The nurse will work in geographic region of the Illinois South Conference and Missouri Mid-South Conference (St Louis and Eastern Association) to provide case management support. Please contact Rev. Donna Pupillo at dpupillo@faithnurses.org with a resume.
St. John's UCC of Brighton and the Loyal Daughters Ministry will hold their annual Soup's On fundraiser on Sun, Jan 19 from 11 am - 2 pm in their fellowship hall. This "all you can eat" fundraiser will offer a vast variety of soups to sample and enjoy. Adults $8; Children under 12 years old $4. The event supports the charitable ministries of our Women's Ministry and the Southwestern Pack-A-Sack program organized by the Loyal Daughters. Carry out available. For more information call the church at 618-372-3737.

Collinsville St John UCC is looking for a Music Associate position to accompany the Sanctuary Choir during Wednesday night choir rehearsals and Sunday morning worship. The time frame is from January through May and then September through May. The pay is $15-$25 depending on qualifications. Please send resumes and/or questions to cpursell33@gmail.com.

Alhambra Salem UCC will host its 72nd Annual Sausage Supper on Sat, Jan 25 from 2:30 pm - 8 pm. All you can eat menu includes fresh homemade pork sausage, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, bread, applesauce, dessert, coffee and milk. Advanced sausage orders available as link or bulk sausage, backbones, or ribs by contacting 618-488-3733 or ooey5@agtelco.com. Pick up is Thurs, Jan 23 from 10 am - 6 pm or Sat, Jan 25 from 9 am - ? Adults $10; Children 5 - 10 $5; Children 4 and under Free. All carry outs for adult price.

St. Paul's UCC, Freeburg is hosting THE WAY #8, a retreat for 8th -12th grade youth (and interested adults) of all faith backgrounds on January 31- February 2, 2020. The Way is a unique experience designed to help you grow in faith and understanding of the teaching of Jesus Christ. Join us for Christian fellowship, worship, and prayer in extraordinary youth-led ministry. The weekend cost is $20, registration is due January 18. You will find more information and a registration form at stpaulsfreeburg.org.

Belleville Christ UCC will hold its 41st Annual Wurstmart on Sun, January 26 from 11 am - 4 pm. All you can eat! Pork sausage, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, green beans, applesauce, dessert, and coffee or tea. Adults $11; Children ages 6-9 $5; Children under 5 Free! Carry outs available!