



## Illinois South Conference COVID-19 Response UPDATE #14, June 29, 2020

### ISC Spirit

If you know of stories that show people being the church, please send it to [ISCspirit@iscucc.org](mailto:ISCspirit@iscucc.org). **Share the stories** that are warming your heart.  
#ISCspirit.



**Uni-Pres Kindercottage** is now open, but with a changed environment. Children must wear masks and shoes cannot be worn in the building. Because of this, members of Illinois South Conference churches have been helping to maintain the new normal. Rev. Carol Shanks (in the yellow shirt), Pastor of Bethel UCC in Cahokia, delivered masks made by Kathy Asselmeier, member of St. John UCC in Maeystown, and Kathy Harres, member of St. Paul UCC in Columbia, for the staff and children.



Rev. Ivan and Viv Horn surprised the staff with more masks and bags made by Vivian Horn and Diane Mertz, members of Friedens UCC in Hecker. Since staff and children can't wear shoes indoors, they will place shoes in the bags outside each of their lockers. Thank you, ladies for your wonderful donation. (Vivian is on the far left, and Brenda Crisp is in the middle.

Members of **Bethel UCC in Cahokia** have taken this time during the pandemic to send hand-written cards to hospital chaplains.



Thank you to these churches for their OCWM donations received the past two weeks. These donations continue to support all the work of the Conference.

**Addieville-** Zion UCC

**Biddleborn -** Trinity UCC

**Carbondale-** Church of the Good Shepherd

**Centralia -** St. Peter UCC

**Darmstadt -** Holy Ghost UCC

**Dupo-** Christ UCC

**East St. Louis-** Good Shepherd of Faith

**Edwardsville-** St. Paul UCC

**Fairview Heights-** St. John UCC

**Godfrey-** Evangelical UCC

**Highland**– Evangelical UCC  
**Maeystown**– St. John UCC  
**Marion**– Zion UCC  
**Mascoutah**– St. John UCC  
**New Baden**– Zion UCC  
**New Hanover**– Zoar UCC

**Pana**– United in Faith  
**Red Bud** – St. Peter UCC  
**St. Jacob** – St. Jacob UCC  
**Troy**– Friedens UCC  
**Waterloo**– St. Paul UCC

### And anonymous gifts from individuals

#### *Helpful Information*

- **Conference Wide Book Study on Racism-** The Justice and Mission Committee will be sponsoring an evening biweekly book study on ***White Fragility: Why It's so Hard for White People to Talk About Racism*** by Robin DiAngelo. This four-session study can be a meaningful first step for well-intentioned white people to engage in the Christ centered work of dismantling racism and seeking equity and justice for black and brown people. The group will meet biweekly on Wednesdays at 6:30pm, starting on July 22. Weekly Connection will have more details on how to register and where to purchase the book. This online experience is open to all members of the Conference, and it will be led by our Conference Minister, Rev. Shana Johnson.
- **Save the Date:** our Justice and Mission Committee is preparing for a Peace Rally at the Highland office **July 25, 10am-Noon**. Watch Weekly Connection for more details.
- **Remember to wear masks and keep social distance** if you are worshiping in person, regardless of whether you're inside or outside. We're all eager to return to some sense of normalcy, but the safest rules for avoiding COVID-19 haven't changed. If you need help with the guidelines, refer to: **Faithfully Phasing Forward**, the ISC guidebook, on the Conference [website](#); The UCC's many [COVID-19 resources](#); and the [Restore Illinois](#) Plan.
- This is the **last edition** of the COVID-19 Update for the foreseeable future. Should infection rates change in our area, or if Illinois changes direction on reopening, we will return to publication to share current information as needed.

#### *Worship Resources*

- We have worship resources on the Conference website, with a link on the home [page](#).

#### **Together in Christ's ministry with you,**

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